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HL for Home Lot; HM for Home Meadow; NLR for Newtown Land Records; PR for Proprietors' Records; TR for Town Records. 2 NLR112, for instance, would indicate: Volume 2 Newtown Land Records, page 112.

THE CALENDAR

Accompanying the references to the records which have been extracted, the year of the execution of documents has

been given. In many instances, duplicate years appear (e. g., 1709-10) where there was an overlapping in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, until Great Britain, in 1752, adopted the Gregorian, there called the New Calendar. And until sometime later, when this Colony followed the mother country and adopted the Gregorian, or New, Calendar.

INTRODUCTION

The following Historical Notes relate to the "Town", in Newtown, Connecticut.

The Notes are the result of a study of the earliest land records,—of 1708-1758, as recorded and found in the office of Newtown's Town Clerk: in Volume 1 of the Proprietors' Records,—which has been expertly repaired and appears to be an original; Volume 1-2 and Volume III, of the Town Records; and Volumes 2; 3-4; 5; 6; and, 7,—of the Newtown Land Records; all of which are very old copies of lost records.¹ To some extent, later records are used as aids in map making, where the 50 year records did not suffice.

The records which relate to land of the individual, during the fifty-year period of 1708-1758, are almost complete; while those which concern the transactions of the Proprietors are scant.

Connecticut titles are based solely upon grants of land from the Colonial government. First, there were grants to individuals for land within the boundaries of towns, which later were chartered; second, there were the grants to the Proprietors of the Towns. It is this kind of grant that is contained in the Newtown Charter or Certificate of Incorporation of 1708. From it was excepted the land earlier granted to certain individuals.

During this period of Connecticut history, it was the common usage to purchase from the Indians their "Native Indian Rights".

There were two important purchases of such Indian Rights. The first, in the year 1705, was the purchase by three of the English from the Indians of their "Native Indian Rights" to land which was said to be "Newtown alias Quonopague", land which was less than the Newtown of the 1708 Charter. These Indian Rights were later acquired by the Proprietors of Newtown.

1. There is now no Volume 1 of the Newtown Land Records.

The second Indian Purchase was made in 1723. The Newtown Proprietors then purchased the Indian Rights to land not theretofore sold to the English. This latter purchase was called the Quiomph purchase. It was an elbow of land "at the Potatuck (Housatonic) River, right against the Wigwams", extending a two mile line towards the Northeast corner of Sherman's Farm, etc. (1728) III TR 253. The NE corner of this Farm was at the Potatuck Brook and the Woodbury Road, where the road to Derby began. (1758) 7 NLR 72.

Prior to 1708, there were seven grants by the Colony to individuals, outside the limits of the "Town". Indian purchases accompanied these grants, which disposed of about 2,190 Acres out of more than 38,664 Acres.²

Thus, it will be seen that in 1708, the Proprietors of Newtown held for distribution more than 36,474 Acres. Distribution commenced at once, along with the allocation of land for highways; and, it continued without interruption until, at the end of the 50 year period of this study (1758), there was little land left to be distributed.

As Newtown's first land interests were general in character, the first part of this study must of necessity be general in character. But, upon the division, among the individual Proprietors, of the land which was by them at first held in common, the study follows the history of each parcel in individual ownership.

Newtown's Charter named a Committee of Four, which was called "the Committee for Newtown". This legislative committee was empowered to survey the Newtown land; to determine where the Town Plat should be; and how many inhabitants could be conveniently accommodated; and, also to lay out Home Lots and other land divisions.

Accordingly, in 1709, the Committee for Newtown called in a Milford man to make the Town Plat, long lost. This Plat, as reconstructed to scale, is the accompanying Map of the "Town", the boundaries of which were: South-

2. Conn. St. Register & Manual, 1939 Ed., p. 300. But, additional Obtuse acreage is in Brookfield.

erly, Deep Brook; Easterly, Queen Street and Wendover Road (sometime Carcass Lane); Northwesterly, the Great Hill. Its North end was at the Road to Danbury.

The Committee for Newtown Laid out on this Town Plat, 41 numbered 4 Acre lots for homes. (1-2 TR 90.) Later others, one for each Proprietor, were laid out but, to them, no numbers were assigned.

The earliest land divisions were decided upon as follows: (1) 4 Acre Home Lots; (2) 4 Acre Home Meadows; (3) 4 Acre pitches; (4) 20 Acre Divisions, on the hills about the "town".³

Each Proprietor had been authorized to take (i.e., to pitch) 4 Acres where he would. Complaint was made that many of these divisions were pitched by some to the detriment of the commons near home.⁴

3. At the Westerly edge of the Town Plat: Peter Hubbell's 20 Acres "which lyeth something Westward from the homestead which was sd Hubbell's." (HL 18) 1726: 3-4 NLR 18; 1726: 1 PR 17; and, near the Osborn HL- at the South end of Matthew Sherman's 20 Acres; and at the East side of Jonathan Hubbell's 20 Acres. (1726) III TR 113.

Bounded Northerly on the Danbury Road, and next HLs 18-19, Stephen Hawley's 20 Acres, ex Joseph Gray. (1725) III TR 40. A survey of 11½ Acres of it, purchased by Jonathan Booth, Jr., is shown on the Town Plat. (1741-2) 3-4 NLR 545.

20 Acre Divisions Westerly of the Town Plain and Easterly of the "Wilderness West," and the Great Hill: extending from North to South: John Seeley's (1715) 2 NLR 10, "lying ¼ mile Westward of the Meeting house." (1720) 2 NLR 109. John Griffin's; Jonathan Booth's, ½ of which, with a dwelling, was sold by John Bristol, Jr. to his father. (1733) 3-4 NLR 154. Daniel Foot's (1725) III TR 48; (1733-4) 3-4 NLR 154. James Brisco's (1712) 2 NLR 22.

Samuel Ferris 20 Acres, ex Samuel Sanford, bounded North on Deep Brook, West the Reading Road (1712) 2 NLR 242. S, the 20 Acres of Capt. Theophilus Hull; the 20 Acres of John Burr (1718) 1-2 TR 79; 9 NLR 4; and of Stephen Parmelee, with other divisions, on the Point of Rocks road. (1727) III 188.

4. E. g.: Pitches in the Commons between Wendover road and the Boulevard: Jonathan Booth 4 Acres at the rear of HL 1 (1712) TR 27; and 1 Acre next it (1715) III TR 150.

Thomas Bennit, 4 Acres S of Booth (1712) 1-2 TR 27. Easterly of HLs 2-5: 15 Acres of John Seeley: a 4 Acre pitch and a 10 Acre pitch (1712) 2 NLR 8; (1713) 2 NLR 9. Daniel Foot 4 Acres at rear of HL 5, in Seeley's Swamp (1712) 1-2 TR 34. The 1715 Highway from HL 5, 330 feet wide, extending Easterly two miles toward the Single Pine, took part of the Foot pitch and his SW corner was moved NW 6 rods and land was added in recompence at his E corner. 1-2 TR 92.

The Home Lots were attached to the Proprietors' Rights. But were, at times, divorced from them by separate sales. Some of these Lots were broken up into smaller parts, which were separately sold. Parts of other Home Lots were acquired by adjoining owners. And, at times, other land divisions were incorporated into some of them.

At the end of fifty years, there were small home lots; there were 4 Acre Home Lots. There were larger home lots. And, there were lots in "town" which were not those of the first Proprietors. Home Lots is a technical term; home lot, however, is not.

The body of the Historical Notes which follow has been arranged in three parts: Part I relates to the Title to Newtown land; to the Proprietors and their "Rights". To the acquisition by them, in the year 1708, of the legal title to Newtown land; and, over the years, the purchase of the "Native Indian Rights".

Part I also contains tables of the names of the Proprietors of 1708; 1710; 1711; and 1717. Transfers of "Rights" are given.

Part II contains the history of land divisions in the "Town".

Part III is the Home Meadow history and that of Divisions "Southard of the Town and Deep Brook".

There is included, with this study, a Map which is a re-construction, to scale, of the lost Town Plat of 1709, showing streets, Home lots, and other land divisions, during the period of study; and a Map to scale, of the Home Meadow and Divisions "Southard of the Town and Deep Brook".

These Maps are based, not only upon the ancient records, but also upon a close study of the pertinent Fairchild Aerial Surveys.

An inaccurate and incomplete sketch of the "town" appears in the records. (1-2 TR 90-91).

On the Town Plat was the Town Street, 132 feet wide.

From Hall Lane to the South side of Home Lot 11, this street has remained 132 feet wide.

The Congregational and Episcopal Churches are in the original 165 foot Northerly Cross Highway. The first Meeting House was at the point where two lines crossed the N-S center of the Town Street. The first line extended from the NE corner of HL 23 to the SW corner of HL 5; the second line: from the NW corner of HL 6 (the Minister's Home Lot) to the SE corner of HL 22.

There was a Southerly Cross Highway, 132 feet wide. From the NW corner of HL 29, the 1715 Boggs road ran Westerly turning, to extend Southerly, at the home lot of Jeremiah Northrop. (1-2 TR 92.) This road was 10 rods wide and two miles long. It was, in 1739, superceded by the Road to Reading. (3-4 NLR 373; 5 NLR 12.) The Northerly end of the 6 Rod Reading Road extended into town, presumably to the Town Street. (1761) 7 NLR 386.

On the East side of the Town Plat were Wendover Road and a N-S street, "commonly called Queen Street."⁵

At the Easterly side of the Great Hill, there was a two rod highway, extending from the Southerly Cross Highway to the Northerly Cross Highway.

Westerly of the Southerly portion of the Town Street, there was another Town Street. It extended from the Southerly Cross Highway to the "buring place or yard" and to Deep Brook. At the North end of the Town was the Danbury Road.

Across the Home Commons ran a short road from the Town Street to the "buring place" street.

The Home Commons were bounded: North, the Southerly Cross Highway; Easterly, the Town Street; Westerly, Town Street; Southerly, a road which was on the North side of the Home Lot of Samuel Beers and 1½ Acres added to it.

22 Home Lots and one home lot were on the East side of the Town Street; 12 were on its West side; and, some

5. 3-4 NLR 219; 281. 5 NLR 31; 7 NLR 199.

were at the rear of these, on the Northerly Cross Highway. There were five on the "buring place Town Street".⁶

The Home Commons was in the Town Plain. The rest of that Plain was on the part of the Southerly Cross Highway which ran Westerly from the Town Street. This part of the Plain was bounded by the Deep Brook on its South side; and by the Great Hill on the West or Northwest.

In 1711, the Home Meadow was distributed. It was on the Deep Brook and Southerly of the Town. To each Proprietor was given a 4 Acre Meadow. 31 of these are in the Home Meadow; and 18 were laid out elsewhere.

The 20 Acre Divisions had been partially laid out and bounded by the Committee for Newtown. This work was badly done and was the subject of complaint to the legislature. In 1711, the legislative committee was followed by a Proprietors' Committee, which laid out subsequent land divisions and corrected and made certain earlier boundaries.

In the Spring of 1711, to the Town was granted authority to have a Town Clerk, a Constable, a highway surveyor, a howard or field driver; and, fence viewers.⁷

Later in the year 1711, Newtown also acquired all the rights and privileges of towns generally. Inhabitants, as such, then acquired political rights. In 1714, Newtown was annexed to Fairfield County.⁸

For Indian relations, the records contain no direct evidence upon the conduct of the Pootatuck Indians. The Indians in New England, at times, were a cause of trouble. At other times, they were helpful. From them, however, comes this comment:⁹

6. "Where the land was poor, land was added to make in quantity what was lacking in quality."

To make good any deficiency from a set standard for a division of land, was to size a lot. The added land was the sizure of it. Hence, a 20 Acre Division could contain, as sized, 25 Acres, more or less as equity suggested.

Land was sold at public vendue and prized (that is, sized) "by the standard of the 1 Acre Division." (1762) 7 NLR 512.

7. Vol V, Colonial Records of Conn., p. 226.

8. 1-2 TR 82; Vol. V Col. Recs. of Conn., p. 281.

9. James Truslow Adams (1943) *The American*, p. 182.

"Wherever we turned about, we saw our Blood, and When our young men wanted to go ahunting the wild Beasts in our country, they found it covered with fences, so that they were weary crossing them; neither can they get Venison to eat, or Bark to make Huts, for the beasts are run away and the Trees cut down".

Indian misbehavior may have been one reason for a substantial military organization. Among the first 36 Proprietors, there were two Majors, four Captains, one Lieutenant and one Ensign,—in all, 8 officers. In 1710, there were: one Major; three Captains, one Lieutenant and one Ensign,—6 officers in 48 proprietors. In 1711, there were five officers; and, in 1717, there were four.

During the first 50 years of Newtown, there appeared two Colonels. No higher rank was noticed. Ordinary soldiers were not designated in the records.

The town streets and the country roads, at the very first, were extremely wide. The "Town Street" was 132 feet wide, extending from a point near the Soldiers' Monument to a point near the State Hospital (Mile Hill) Road. This highway was extended further Southerly for two miles, generally in the same width. The Woodbury Road was 330 feet wide. The Boggs Road of 1715 was 165 feet wide. There were other remarkably wide roads. Why?

The untraveled part of these public ways was used for common purposes, such as the taking of wood, the shepherding of sheep and the like. Toward the end of the first fifty years, one record related to a town shepherd and a town flock. There was, on the Westerly side of the Stratford (Bridgeport) Road and in South Center District, a Ram Pasture. This pasture was, at the end of the first fifty years, divided among the Proprietors.

The wide highway was intended to prevent Indian surprise and attack. This is the explanation given for the 165 foot width of the road over the Great Carrying Place of the Indians, between Lakes George and Champlain.¹⁰

Toward the end of the period of study, the highway

10. Ferris Greenslet (1944) Under the Bridge.

land (owned by the Proprietors) was, in part, taken from highway use and allotted to individual use and ownership. The effect was to reduce the extreme width of the highways to the extent that land was so transferred.

So vast and exacting is the labor involved, that it was imperative that the scope of this research study be restricted to a limited territory.

The finished work is dedicated to Mary Nammack Boyle, who encouraged and long endured a distracted and often discouraged student who, at long last, has completed these Historical Notes and Maps.

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It was at first intended, because it was believed that there would be some who would be interested in having access to the MSS. and Maps, to deposit a copy of each in our Cyrenius H. Booth Library.

Publication of this limited edition of these Historical Notes, as a contribution toward the history of Newtown was urged by these helpful friends. And to assure publication and distribution, by their unsolicited and generous subscriptions, the projected publication has been assured, principally by the generosity, exercised in the interest of the town, which has become so dear to him, of Mr. Arthur T. Nettleton. This action of these three valued friends has made unnecessary the general subscriptions of others.

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PART I

NEWTOWN: 1708 - 1758

HISTORICAL NOTES AND MAPS

1. The Title to Newtown Land.
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1. THE TITLE TO NEWTOWN LAND

Land titles were and are based solely upon Colonial grants. The early law is found in the Act of 1718:¹ entry upon land without a legal conveyance was made an offense. And, it was declared that entry and possession would make no title to any land, without a legal Colonial conveyance. This Act of 1718 was followed by the Act of 1722.¹

1. Act of 1718: Acts of Conn., 1796 Ed., p. 255. To the same effect, the present law: "x x all patents and grants of land from the general assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, pursuant to the Charter of Charles II, shall be sufficient evidence of a title. x x " 1930 Rev., Gen. Stats., Sec. 4999.

The Act of 1722: Acts of Conn., 1796 Ed., p. 259.

An Act for preventing Trespasses on the Lands of the Colony, by illegal Purchases thereof from the Indians. Enacted in October, 1722.

Whereas this Assembly have been informed, that notwithstanding the ancient Laws of this Colony to the contrary, some persons have pretended to purchase of Indians their Rights as Natives, of many considerable Tracts of Land lying within this Colony: And Although all such Deeds when obtained without leave and consent of this Assembly, are by the said laws declared to be ipso facto ,void. Yet, under colour of such Deeds, Persons unacquainted with the said Laws may be imposed upon, deceived and greatly wronged, as well as the Settlement of such Lands in Plantations, pursuant to the End expressed in our Charter, hindered.

It was the practice to make Indian purchases:²

“On the discovery of America, a principle was adopted among the nations of Europe, that the territory belonged to the sovereign of the nation to whom the discoverer belonged. As North America was discovered by a subject of the king of England, that crown claimed a legal right to the country. James II made a grant to the Plymouth Company, of that part which comprehended New England. Connecticut was settled under a right derived from that company, and the title was confirmed by the Charter of Charles II in 1662”.

“The government made grants to towns, and individuals; and charters were given to the respective towns, under which the lands have been holden. Our ancestors, however, never claimed an absolute right, in virtue of the royal grants, but merely a right of pre-emption, and never considered the title to be complete, till they had acquired the native right of the aboriginies. This they effected by purchase, to nearly the whole of Connecticut; and they never claimed a right by conquest, except to a small portion taken from the Pequot nation”.

An Act of 1717 declared that unapproved land purchases gave no title; and that the conveyance itself could

For the prevention whereof: Be it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, That whosoever shall presume to purchase any Lands within the Bounds of this Colony, of any Indians whatsoever, without the leave of this Assembly hereafter first had and obtained, under colour and pretense of such Indians being the Proprietors of said Lands by a Native Right; or shall, having purchased of any Indians, Lands in such manner, without leave of this Assembly first obtained, presume to make any Sale of, or any settlements upon any Lands so purchased, every Person who shall in any such manner transgress, and be thereof convicted in the County Court, or in the Superior Court of that County where such Lands shall lie, shall incur the Penalty of 167 Dollars, to the Treasury of this Colony.

And whatsoever Person or Persons shall suffer any wrong by Means of such Sale of Settlements, as aforesaid, shall recover in either of the said Courts, upon proof of such wrong by him suffered, Treble Damages against the Person or Persons so wronging him.

2. 1821 Rev., Note, p. 300.

not be given in evidence of title in court; and that it was not there pleadable.³

For every grant of land from the Colony, either to Towns or to individuals, a patent was required to be issued and to be recorded in the Town records.⁴

a. Colonial Grants to Individuals

Antedating Newtown, these seven grants, including Native Indian Rights, are known: To: 1. Samuel Sherman (the Old Farm);⁵ 2. Josiah Rossetter;⁵ 3. Burr's Farm;⁶ 4.

3. Acts of Conn., 1796 Ed., p. 255.

4. Act of 1685, Id., p. 252.

5. The Sherman grant was for 640 Acres; that of Rossetter for 400 Acres on Potatuck Brook (called by the Indians, Cowams) and at the North side of Sherman's Old Farm. Rossetter got, through his wife, a daughter of Sherman, 350 Acres from Sherman's Estate, and a Proprietor's Right,—derived from the Charter of 1708.

The Proprietors disputed the 990 Acres illegally taken up by the Sherman Farm. It was reduced to 640 Acres—a Square mile. Rossetter gave up all but 50 Acres at the North side of the farm and at Mt. Tom Brook. His 350 Acres in the farm were retained. 6 NLR 443-4; 2 NLR 60; 1-2 TR 70, 74. There is a diagram in the records.

From the NE corner of the Old Farm, near the Woodbury and Derby Roads and at Potatuck Brook, the North line ran a mile, W14N, to the foot of Church Hill; and Southerly one mile, in part along the brook to Mile Hill Bridge (about) 3-4 NLR 374; 7 NLR 72.

From the NW corner, the West line of the farm ran Southerly, near to and Easterly of Queen Street and across Mile Hill.

The Woodbury road was near and Northerly of the N side. III TR 241; 6 NLR 460; 1-2 TR 92.

The East line was, at the NE corner of the Old Farm, on the West bank of the Potatuck Brook. The then 20 year old bridge across the brook (1752) required crossing the NE corner of the Old Farm. For public use, this small piece of the Farm was taken. (1752) 6 NLR 14, rear pp.

There was a dispute about 12 rods of land, at this NE corner. In its course, Thomas Tousey threw up a stone wall with logs, blocking the highway, claiming the land was his, the town asserting that this was part of the old road to the bridge. The land was taken from Tousey for highway purposes and he was assigned land instead elsewhere. (1752) 6NLR 24, rear pp. The land taken: From the Farm's NE corner, in its North line, W14S, 5 R.; N12W, 7 R. to the "old highway for a country road." E6N, 2 R. to the brook; Southerly along the brook about 8½ R. This cleared the road to the bridge.

Ebenezer and Sarah Ford; Abel and Amarilly Prindle; and Daniel Booth to John Sanford, 1 Acre in the NE corner of the Old Farm, with

Lieut. Agur Tomlinson and Daniel Shelton; 5. John Hubbell;⁷ 6. Nicholas Knowles (Knoll)—3-4 NLR 261; 7. Col. Ebenezer Johnson (1738) 3-4 NLR 366, and owned by Mrs. Hannah Tousey, wife of Rev. Thomas Tousey: 300 Acres at Gregory's Orchard and Pine Swamp, on the North boundary of Stratford. 7 NLR 121.

b. The Newtown Charter, Certificate of Incorporation and Colonial Grant to its Proprietors⁸

A General Assembly held at Hartford, May 13, 1708.

This Assembly grants unto the Petitioners hereafter named that all that Tract of Land lying on the West side of Stratford or Potatuck River, bounded Easterly on Stratford and part of Fairfield; Westerly on Danbury and a Line running from the Southeast corner of Danbury parrallell to ye East line of said Town to Fairfield, bounded Northerly upon New Milford purchase and Potatuck River, shall be one Entire Town called by the name of Newtown and do

Appoint and impower Joseph Curtice of Stratford, Esqr., Capt. Joseph Wakeman of Fairfield, Mr John Sherman of Woodbury, and Mr. Thomas Taylor of Danbury, a Committee to Survey the said Tract of land and consider what numbers of inhabitants the said Tract of land will conveniently accommodate and accordingly determine where ye Town Platt shall be and lay out a suitable number of home lotts and order All the prudentials of the said Town until such Time as the General Court shall order otherwise.

All the charge the said Committee shall be at to be paid by ye Petitioners on conditions hereinafter Expressed.

This Court do also grant to the said Petitioners that each one of them shall have for himself his Heirs and As-signs an equal part and proportion of all the comon land

a Grist and Bolting Mill, and stream rights — $\frac{7}{8}$ ex Thomas Tousey; Booth's $\frac{1}{8}$ ex Thomas Leavenworth. (1762) 8 NLR 15.

6. Burr's Farm or Manor, granted to Jehu and John Burr in 1693. 1-2 TR 105.

7. Quitclaimed to the Proprietors 1-2 TR 86; 114.

8. 2 NLR 127; Vol. V, Colonial Records of Connecticut, p. 85.

within the said Tract not already taken up according to former grants from this Government.

The Proportion to be made according to the number the said Committee shall appoint and determine the whole Tract will accomodate, always provided that the said Petitioners shall and do by themselves or their assigns Enter upon the said Land, within five years after this Session, and continue to dwell as inhabitants there at least four years.

And if any of the Petitioners shall not so enter and continue upon the said Land, it shall be in the power of the General Court to admit others in their stead, and so many more as the said Tract of Land will suitably accomodate.

This Court do also grant to the Petitioners free Liberty to purchase for the use of said Town any part or Parcell of the said Tract of Land that may be claimed by the Indians.

And the several Persons that have already taken up any Quantity of Land, within the said Tract of Land, According to former grant from this Government, shall have a Right and Priviledge as the rest of the inhabitants of the Town at all times in all the Land that shall lye comon within ye said Town in proportion according to ye quantity of Land they have so taken up.

The names of the Petitioners for ye Lands before granted follow, viz.:

Joseph Curtice, James Judson, Samuel Hawley, John Read, John Burr, Theophilus Hull, John Minor, Benjamin Sherman, Josiah Curtiss, Daniel Burr, Jr., Daniel Curtiss, Richard Hubbell, Jr., John Judson, John Seely, Jr., Daniel Beardsley, Joseph Fairchild, Benjamin Hurd, Benjamin Nickolls, Peleg Burritt, John Griffen, Thomas Sharp, Dunning of Stratford, Daniel Beardsley, Sr., Zachariah Ferris, William Mallory, Samuel Hubbell, Jr., Jonathan Booth, John Hawley, David Whitlock, Jr., John Glover, Daniel Foot, Jr., Abraham Kimberly, Benjamin Peet, Daniel Burr, Sr., Mr. Richard Bryan's Heirs, Samuel Eells.

A True Copy of the Record. Test: Samuel Wyllys, Sec-

retary. Entered to be Recorded, November 16, 1713. Test: John Glover, Recorder.

The time for settlement was extended to October, 1717. 2 NLR 135.

c. Indian Purchases

The only known purchase of Indian Rights by the Proprietors was the Quiomph purchase of 1723. The Proprietors, however, bought the Indian Rights which, in 1705, had been purchased by others.

The Indian Purchase of 1705

Three Potatuck Indians sold, at Potatuck, a tract of land, to William James, Justus Bush and Samuel Hawley. 1-2 TR 48. The particular description bounded it:

South upon pine swamp and land of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Rositer, SW upon Fairfield bounds, NW upon the bounds of Danbury, NE by land purchased by Milford men xx and SE on land of Numaway, an Indian, "the line running two miles from the river right against pootatuck." "The sd tract of land Containing in length, eight miles and in breadth, five miles, but more or less."⁹

Sixteen other Indians at the same time sold all "their right, title and interest by possession" or otherwise.

When Justice (Justus) Bush, of New York City, mariner; and William James (or, Jeames, Junos, Janes) yeoman; and Capt. Samuel Hawley, Jr., both of Stratford,—made this purchase of 1705, each owned an undivided one-third of the Indian Rights.

They attempted to sell these Rights to the Colony.

9. Capt. John Minor, as Justice of the Peace, "at Potatuck," took the acknowledgments of the Indian deed of 1705. Since Capt. Minor (in 1709-10) sold his Proprietor's Right, as "in Newtown alias Quonopague," (1-2 TR 57) it may be inferred that the part of Newtown, by the Indians called Cowams or Cowamps; and, by the English, Potatuck, was at or near the modern Potatuck District; and on the brook, by the Indians called Hucko; and by the English, Potatuck.

The three purchasers were ordered prosecuted as for illegal conduct. For the 1705 and 1706 acts of the Legislature; and settlement of the controversy; see Newtown's Bi-centennial pp. 47-8. The Indian deed, at p. 45 cf. Johnson's Newtown.

Failing to do this, they paid the promised consideration to the Indians in 1709. 1-2 TR 67.

Richard Bryan had participated, with William James, in the negotiations which led to this purchase. 1-2 TR 18. The purchase had been made "in order to make and settle a plantation or Township thereon." 2 NLR 179.

The Proprietors of Newtown had come to an agreement for the re-sale of the Indian Rights of 1705. 1-2 TR 162. It was executed only to the extent of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the whole.

All but $\frac{1}{12}$ of the Indian Rights have been traced. $\frac{11}{12}$ were transferred by Bush, James and Hawley, as follows:

In 1708, James sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of his undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ interest to John Glover, joyner (also, yeoman) of Stratford. 1-2 TR 85.

The Proprietors purchased from Glover this interest; but his conveyance was slow in coming. So was the purchase price. The Recorder wrote (1719-1720) 1-2 TR 108:

"Whereas much Dissatisfaction and debate arose by reason of the 60 Acres which was granted to John Glover, which was on condition that he first make over his Native Indian Rights;

"For peace and quietness sake and that there be no more contending or jarring about the purchase money that as yet has not been Laid out for Town benefit,

"Agreed at this meeting that the remainder of the purchase money shall be laid out in defraying Town charges in 1719—those who have not paid their purchase money should pay two shillings a pound in ye $\frac{1}{2}$ —per Right.

"All should have $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acres laid out to those who paid their purchase money and shall pay it by the middle of March."

"Excepting John Glover, who has no right to this little Division of land. If he pretends he has, he may expect trouble as to his 60 Acres illegally granted to him by ye Town".

This $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acre Division was known, in the Records, as the Jangling Division.

The Proprietors and Glover agreed to arbitrate the dispute, Glover stipulating a ten thousand pound bond from them, that they would accept the award.

James sold the other half of his undivided $\frac{1}{3}$, and the $\frac{1}{3}$ of Bush, as his agent (1-2 TR 114) to the Proprietors, for 22 pounds 10 shillings, silver money. This was by amendment to a contract which, by agreement of the parties, had been drawn for the sale of the whole interest of Bush, James and Hawley, for 45 pounds. (1-2 TR 68; 85; 162.) The purchasers of the undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 1705 Indian Purchase were 42 in number, representing 48 Rights and one other reserved for the Minister.

Bush and James had disposed of all their Indian rights, accounting for the undivided $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 1705 purchase. Capt. Hawley disposed of $\frac{3}{4}$ of his $\frac{1}{3}$ as follows:

1. $\frac{1}{8}$ of it to Joseph Osborn of New Haven (2 NLR 131) who, in 1714, exchanged it for a Proprietor's Right and 24 shillings six. (2 NLR 131.)

2. $\frac{1}{8}$ of it to Thomas Bennitt, of Stratford (1709) 2 NLR 129; who conveyed it to the Proprietors in 1713, for a Right. (2 NLR 130.)

3. $\frac{1}{4}$ of it to Edmund Lewis of Stratford (1709) 2 NLR 129; who conveyed it to the Town for one Right and $\frac{3}{6}$ — (1712) 2 NLR 129.

4. $\frac{1}{4}$ of it to John Morris, of New Haven (1709-10) 2 NLR 48; who for one Right and 49 shillings sold, it to the town. (1713) 2 NLR 48.

In 1712, it was voted to lay out no land to William James or to Bryan's Heirs, unless they assign over their interests in the Indian Purchase of 1705. What those interests are, is not known. Perhaps they had the $\frac{1}{4}$ of Hawley's undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ which has not been traced from this ownership. 1-2 TR 18.

The 1705 purchase deed did not sufficiently locate the lands which were sold. In 1712, a Proprietors' Committee

was appointed and authorized to purchase four gallons of rum, "to treat the Indians and to refresh themselves," and to seek Indian aid in fixing the bounds of the 1705 purchase. The work was done and a record made. 1-2 TR 15; 2 NLR 128. It is not now helpful.

The Indian Deed of 1723

Quiomph, an Indian, declared himself to be "sole heir of all land that is not purchased by ye English before this date in ye boundaries of Newtown." Perhaps he was the heir of Numaway, the Indian whose land was on the SE of the 1705 purchase?

For 16 pounds, he conveyed to the Proprietors his land, "except a corner of intervale land lying by ye river, where Cocksure's Field is bounded Easterly by ye river and ye other side by a brook called Hucko by ye Indians," etc. Most of this land was later laid out to Peter Hubbell who had 49 out of 51 Rights in it. I PR 102.¹⁰ The rest was Laid out to Ebenezer Booth. (1748) 5 NLR 563.

The Quiomph purchase was Easterly from Walnut Tree Hill (1747) 5 NLR 377; and at the Great River (1746-7) 5 NLR 344. Rev. Thomas Tousey (1728) III TR 253, described the land as an Elbow, bounded: Beginning at the Potatuck River, "right against ye Wigwams," extending a line two miles toward the NE corner of Sherman's Farm; thence, Northerly to a bend of ye Great River at or near the farm lately John Seeley's (which last line is West of the Elbow) to a brook; along it to Mr. Read's farm, the SE side of the elbow; then run Easterly or Northeasterly on Read's farm and land called Cockshure's upon ye Great River; along it, Northerly and Northwesterly to the bend of the Great River.¹¹

10. On Hubbell's land and on that of the Farm or Manor of Providence, owned by John Read, at Pond Brook, the River and the Plain (1739) 3-4 NLR 389; and, by Read sold to John Beach and Benjamin Curtis (1752) 6 NLR 182; 6 NLR 464,—a vein of "led oare" was "lately discovered" and mining rights were sold. (1752) 6 NLR 185; 196; 240-1; 260; 501; etc.

11. The Indians sold Cocksure's Field of 6 Acres to Peter Hubbell (1730) 3-4 NLR 45; and the Proprietors quitclaimed all interest in it to him. (1760) I PR 130.

Note Also: The Sussecahana Purchase, in which Rights were sold. (1761) 7 NLR 415.

2. THE FIRST PROPRIETORS OF NEWTOWN 1708 - 1717 AND, THEIR "RIGHTS"

On the political side, Newtown was at first a town of limited powers. In the Spring of 1711, it gained authority to choose a Town Clerk; a Constable; a highway surveyor; a howard or field driver; and, fence viewers. In the Fall of that year, the Town had acquired general powers, such as other towns had. (Vol. 5 Colonial Records of Conn., 226; 281.) And, in 1714, Newtown was annexed to Fairfield County.

In the realm of real property, the land (except that of the individual grants) had been, by the 1708 Charter, granted to the Petitioners for that Charter, who thereby became the first Proprietors of Newtown.

In towns of general powers, it was often the practice for the Inhabitants and the Proprietors to divide the land held in common. This was true of Newtown. But, in 1723, this irregularity was validated as to the past. Thereafter, however, the Proprietors alone, by majority vote according to their interest, could legally divide their land. To maintain the land which they held in common, a Proprietors' tax was authorized; and means for its collection was provided—in a law of 1727.

Each Proprietor owned a "petition right." This "right" was attached to the Charter grant to the persons named and their heirs and assigns. Upon increase of their number, the "Right" was the same as it had been. It was called a "Petition Right" because the 36 Petitioners for a Charter owned the Newtown land, by it granted to them. The interest in land, however, proportionately decreased, when the number of Proprietors increased. But, the Right was the same.

Ensign Richard Hubbell, of Stratford, in a deed disposing of his Right, defined it:

"it being as big as any and an equal right to any in ye town, and is a petition right that sd Hubbell bought of Jo-

seph Fairchild of Stratford, he being an original petitioner." (1712) 1-2 TR 42.

The term "Petition Right" was also applied to the 13 new Rights, to make 49 in all, in 1711.¹ The term was used to describe the right which the assignee of any Proprietor acquired. Hubbell, the assignee of Fairchild, bought and sold a "Petition Right." This was what Dudley owned as assignee of Hubbell. After a period of disuse, the term reappeared in 1740, in several deeds. Cf. 3-4 NLR 452.²

There were Proprietors who owned more than one Right. There were many more eventually who owned but a small fraction of a Right. Before long, there were more Proprietors than there were whole Rights.

At first, there were transfers of "Petition Rights". Soon, "Rights" were transferred: (1) to divided and undivided land; or, (2) to undivided land, in which latter case, the divided land was separately transferred.

The right in undivided land came to be called "commonage," because it was an interest in land owned in common, or undivided, by the Proprietors.

Four tables follow which contain the names of Newtown's Proprietors. Transfers of Rights are shown.

The first (or "original") Proprietors are those whose names appear in the Charter. They appear in the 1708 table.

The 1710 table contains the names of the Proprietors

1. In 1714 (2 NLR 156) the 50th Right to raise funds to build the Minister's House, was sold to Joseph Peck, of Milford, as one Right in divided and undivided land, with two years for settlement. In his deed of gift to his son, Ephraim Peck, Joseph Peck said that the Right was by Town grant, confirmed by the General Court. (1716) 2 NLR 321.

2. Rights in the Obtuse land and in the Quiomph Purchase were often separately transferred. The Obtuse (also called the Oblong) was land in the Northern part of Newtown which was obtained within two lines: the first was run by Dr John Copp, County Surveyor and insisted upon by New Milford; the second, run by Mr. Burnam, Hartford County Surveyor, as agent of the legislature, and determined to be the correct line. The resultant land was the Obtuse or Oblong which was thereafter contained within Newtown. Cf. 3-4 NLR which, in many deeds, contains these facts.

(or owners) of the interest they purchased in the Native Indian Rights acquired by James, Bush and Hawley, in 1705. Presumably, by this time, the Legislative Committee of Four, had (by Charter authority) fixed the number of Proprietors at 48, with a Right reserved for the Ministry, to make 49 in all.

The 1711 table presents the names of the Proprietors of that year, to whom the Home Meadows were distributed.

The 100 Acre distribution of 1717 contains the names of the Proprietors of that year, which appear in the fourth table.

These tabulations are almost complete—as complete as the ancient records permit. Why, in some instances, a name appears in advance of the execution of a deed to account for it, is not known. Other questions may arise, to which no answer now appears possible.

Table I

The Proprietors of 1708

DANIEL BEARDSLEY, SR., to Thomas Lake of Stratford,
1 Right. (1710) 1-2 TR 55; Thomas Lake, gift to his
son, John Lake, 1 Right. 1-2 TR 39.

DANIEL BEARDSLEY, JR. 1 Right to Matthew Sherman
(1710) 2 NLR 1 A.

JONATHAN BOOTH

RICHARD BRYAN'S HEIRS

DANIEL BURR, SR.

DANIEL BURR, JR.

JOHN BURR of Stratfield

PELEG BURRITT. 1 Right to Johiah Burritt (1714) 2 NLR
141

DANIEL CURTISS. I Right to Ephraim Clark of Stratford;
from Clark to John Glover (1709) 1-2 TR 117

JOSEPH CURTIS (Curtice) of Stratfield. 1 Right to Thom-
as Sanford; and, Sanford to Freegrace Adams. (1711)
1-2 TR 44.

CAPT. JOSIAH CURTIS.

(Benjamin) DUNNING of Stratford

MAJ. SAMUEL EELLS. 1 Right to Ebenezer Prindle.
(1709-1710) 2 NLR 41.

JOSEPH FAIRCHILD. 1 Right to Ensign Richard Hubbell
(1711) 1-2 TR 63.

ZACHARIAH FERRIS

DANIEL FOOT, JR.

JOHN GLOVER. 1 Right, his own; and, 1 Right ex E.
Clark. (above.)

JOHN GRIFFIN

CAPT. JOHN HAWLEY

CAPT. SAMUEL HAWLEY of Stratfield. 1 Right to John
Platt. (1709) 1-2 TR 53

ENSIGN RICHARD HUBBELL. 1 Right; and, 1 Right ex
Joseph Fairchild (above) and gift to his son, Peter
Hubbell. (1712) 1-2 TR 45.

SAMUEL HUBBELL, JR. and DAVID WHITLOCK (2
Rights?) to Richard Hubbell of Stratfield (1710) 1-2
TR 44; Johnson's Newtown, p. 19.

CAPT. THEOPHILUS HULL

BENJAMIN HURD of Woodbury. 1 Right to Ebenezer
Booth, Jr., of Stratford (1709-10) 1-2 TR 54. Cf.
above

JAMES JUDSON

JOHN JUDSON. 1 Right to John Dunning (1713) 2 NLR
269.

ABRAHAM KIMBERLY

WILLIAM MALLORY. 1 Right to Benjamin Fayerweather
(1709) 1-2 TR 54

CAPT. JOHN MINOR. 1 Right to John Burrows (1709)
1-2 TR 57; Burrows to Richard Nicolls of Stratford
(1710) 1-2 TR 57; Nicolls to Samuel Sanford, Jr., of
Milford. (1710) 1-2 TR 58

BENJAMIN NICOLLS

BENJAMIN PEET of Stratford. 1 Right to Josiah Burritt

(1715) 2 NLR 293; 1 Right to John Read, of Reading
alias Weoantenah. (1710) 1-2 TR 58

JOHN READ—

JOHN SEELEY, JR.

THOMAS SHARP

BENJAMIN SHERMAN

DAVID WHITLOCK, JR.

Table II, the Proprietors of 1710, contains 42 names, representing 48 Rights, with another reserved for the Ministry. To the Table have been added some names — the names of Proprietors who, apparently, secured the Rights of some who had more than one Right. To these names, Now added, is prefaced.

Table II

The Proprietors of 1710

JOSEPH BEACH. I Right to Edward Fairchild (1711) 1-2
TR 53

DANIEL BEARDSLEY, JR.

JOHN BEARDSLEY

Now added: THOMAS BENNITT, for Indian Rights, 1
Right from the Proprietors. (1713) 2 NLR 130.

EBENEZER BOOTH

JONATHAN BOOTH

RICHARD BRYAN'S HEIRS

DANIEL BURR, SR.

DANIEL BURR, JR.

MAJ. JOHN BURR.

JOSIAH BURRITT

REV. CHARLES CHAUNCEY

JOSEPH CURTIS

JOSIAH CURTIS

BENJAMIN DUNNING

JOHN DUNNING

BENJAMIN FAYERWEATHER. 2 Rights to John Platt.
1-2 TR 54

DANIEL FOOT

JOHN GLOVER

JOSEPH GRAY. 1 Right ex Samuel Ferriss (1709) 1-2 TR

49

JOHN GRIFFIN

SAMUEL HAWLEY, SR.

RICHARD HUBBELL, JR.

ENSIGN RICHARD HUBBELL, JR.

LIEUT. SAMUEL HUBBELL

CAPT. THEOPHILUS HULL

DANIEL JACKSON

JAMES JUDSON. 1 Right to Daniel Baldwin, Sr., of Milford. (1710) 1-2 TR 61

ABRAHAM KIMBERLY

JOHN LAKE

Now added: EDMUND LEWIS. 1 Right (1712) 2 NLR 129.

To Ebenezer Blackman and his gift of it to his son, John Blackman (1710) 1-2 TR 59.

Now added: WILLIAM JAMES. 1 Right to Jonathan Miles. (1710) 1-2 TR 55

BENJAMIN NICOLLS of Stratford to Joseph Fairchild of Newtown. 1-2 TR 59; Fairchild to Joseph Botsford of Milford and Botsford to Joseph Peck, Jr.: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right: (1710) 1-2 TR 61; $\frac{1}{2}$ Right: 1711: 1-2 TR 47

Now added: SAMUEL HAWLEY, JR. to John Morris of New Haven $\frac{1}{4}$ of his Indian Rights (1709-10) 2 NLR 48; Proprietors to John Morris, 1 Right for this Indian interest and 49 shillings (1713) 2 NLR 48.

Now added: JOSEPH OSBORN of New Haven bought $\frac{1}{8}$ of Hawley's Indian Rights (2 NLR 131) and exchanged them for 1 Right from the Proprietors and 24/6. (2 NLR 131.)

EBENEZER PRINDLE

JOHN READ. 1 Right; 1 Right from Peet; and 1 from Richard Hubbell. (1715) 2 NLR 261

JOHN SEELEY, JR.

THOMAS SHARP

BENJAMIN SHERMAN
JEREMIAH TURNER

Table III
The Proprietors of 1711

EDWARD FAIRCHILD
JOHN BEARDSLEY
THOMAS BENNITT
EBENEZER BOOTH
JONATHAN BOOTH
THOMAS BRACEY: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right from John Platt (1712) 2
NLR 177
BRYAN'S HEIRS
JOHN BURR. 1 Right ex D. Burr, Sr.
MAJ. JOHN BURR
JOSIAH BURRITT
REV. CHARLES CHAUNCEY
FREEGRACE ADAMS
JOSIAH CURTIS
BENJAMIN DUNNING
JOHN DUNNING
SAMUEL FERRIS. 1 Right ex Daniel Burr, Jr. (1710) 2
NLR 241
BENJAMIN FAYERWEATHER
DANIEL FOOT
JOHN GLOVER, 2 lots
JOSEPH GRAY
JOHN GRIFFIN
JOHN HAWLEY
JONATHAN HUBBELL
RICHARD HUBBELL
PETER HUBBELL
SAMUEL HUBBELL
JAMES HARD: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right ex Hull Estate (1710) 2 NLR 61
DANIEL JACKSON
DANIEL BALDWIN

ABRAHAM KIMBERLY
JOHN LAKE
JOHN BLACKMAN
JONATHAN MILES
SAMUEL SANFORD
JOSEPH PECK
JOHN MORRIS
JOSEPH OSBORN
JOHN PLATT
EBENEZER PRINDLE
JOHN READ. 3 Lots
JOHN SEELEY, JR.
THOMAS SHARP
BENJAMIN SHERMAN
MATTHEW SHERMAN
JEREMIAH TURNER
THE MINISTER'S MEADOW

Table IV

The Proprietors of 1717

FREEGRACE ADAMS
DANIEL BALDWIN
SAMUEL BEERS. 1 Right from Richard Bryan's Heirs
(1711) 1-2 TR 51; 52.
THOMAS BENNITT
JOHN BLACKMAN
EBENEZER BOOTH
JONATHAN BOOTH
THOMAS BRACEY and JEREMIAH NORTHROP OF Mil-
ford. Bracey: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right from John Platt (1712) 2 NLR
177; Northrop: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right from John Platt (1715) 2
NLR 253
JAMES BRISCO and EBENEZER JOHNSON. Brisco, 1
Right from Benjamin Fayerweather, Johnson, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right
from Brisco. (1713) 2 NLR 277
JOSEPH BRISTOL and ENOS SMITH Samuel Hubbell, Jr.,

1 Right to Ebenezer Smith and Joseph Bristol, both of New Haven (1711) 1-2 TR 38. The $\frac{1}{2}$ Right of Smith descended to his son, Enos Smith, under his Will. (1720) 2 NLR 364

JOHN BURR

Daniel Burr, Sr., of Fairfield, gift of 1 Right to his son, Maj. John Burr. (1717-18) 1-2 TR73

JOSIAH BURRITT

CAPT. JOSIAH CURTIS and AZARIAH CANFIELD. $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, Curtis to Jeremiah Canfield (1716) 2 NLR 328; who gave it to his son, Azariah Canfield (1716) 2 NLR 329

BENJAMIN DUNNING

EDWARD FAIRCHILD

DANIEL FOOT and PRUDDEN

JOHN GELET and LEMUEL CAMP

John Dunning, late of Newtown, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to John Gelet of Weathersfield (1713) 2 NLR 269

Daniel Jackson to Samuel Camp, Sr., mason of Milford, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right and gift of it to his son, Lemuel Camp. (1719) 2 NLR 358

JOHN GLOVER. 2 Divisions

JOSEPH GRAY

JOHN GRIFFIN and TREADWELL HEIRS. Griffin to John Treadwell, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right (1714) 2 NLR 227

JAMES HARD and HULL HEIRS

CAPT. JOHN HAWLEY and JOSEPH BOTSFORD. Hawley, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to Botsford. (1714) 2 NLR 249

JONATHAN HUBBELL. 1 Right from John Seeley, Jr., of New Milford. (1728-29) III TR 275.

PETER HUBBELL

DANIEL JACKSON

ABRAHAM KIMBERLY

JOHN LAKE

JOSEPH MILES and SAMUEL PRINDLE. Rev. Charles Chauncey, 1 Right to Richard Nicolls; Nicolls, 1 Right to Joseph Prindle and Joseph Miles, both of New Ha-

ven (1712) 1-2 TR 71; $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, Joseph Prindle to his son, as a gift,—Samuel Prindle (1715) 2 NLR 20.

ELEZER MORRIS. John Morris, yeoman, to his father, Elezer Morris, of New Haven, 1 Right. (1713) 2 NLR 50. Elezer Morris, gift to 1 Right to his son, Adonijah Morris, of New Haven. (1713-14) 2 NLR 52.

JOSEPH and EPHRAIM OSBORN. Joseph Osborn of New Haven, to his son-in-law, for love and affection and also that he would settle upon the right to secure the same, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to Ephraim Osborn. (1718-19) 2 NLR 141

EPHRAIM PECK. Proprietors to Joseph Peck of Milford, 1 Right (1714) 2 NLR 156; and, by him, gift to his son, Ephraim Peck (1716) 2 NLR 231

JOSEPH PECK

STEPHEN PARMELEE. 1 Right from Maj. John Burr. (1712) 1-2 TR 50

JOHN PLATT

EBENEZER PRINDLE and CALEB DAYTON (Daighton). Dayton $\frac{1}{2}$ Right from Prindle (1713) 2 NLR 172.

JOHN READ. 4 Divisions. In 1711, 3 Rights. John Beardsley to John Read, 1 Right (1715) 2 NLR 262.

SAMUEL SANFORD

SAMUEL SANFORD and SAMUEL BALDWIN, SR. Jonathan Miles to Moses Johnson, 1 Right. 2 NLR 220; Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to Samuel Sanford (1717) 2 NLR 333.

JOHN SEELEY and WILLIAM LION (Lyon)

SHARP HEIRS and THOMAS SKIDMUR (Skidmore) $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, Sharp Heirs to Skidmur and William Peet of Stratford (1714) 2 NLR 314. Peet's interest to Skidmur (1714) 2 NLR 314

JOB SHERMAN. Benjamin Sherman, gift to his son, Job Sherman 1 Right. (1714) 2 NLR 205.

MATTHEW SHERMAN

JEREMIAH TURNER

THOMAS TOUSEY. 2 Divisions. 1 Right the Minister's; 1

Right: Ensign Richard Hubbell to Joseph Dudley of Saybrook (1712) 1-2 TR 42; Dudley to "Mr. Thomas Tousey of Weathersfield," 1 Right (1713) 2 NLR 66.

PART II

LAND DIVISIONS IN THE "TOWN"

In 1708, about 95% of the land within the township was owned by 36 persons; and, in 1711, by 49.

No one, as an individual, owned any part of such land. The community of Proprietors (or owners) held the land, undivided and in common; or, jointly, or, in "partnership."

First the Colony owned all of Connecticut land. It divided this land by grants to very many individuals and to the Proprietors of the towns.

In turn, the Proprietors of the towns proceeded to divide equally among themselves their commonly-held land. The Proprietors met from time to time to vote divisions of the common holdings, assigning land for highways and for individual ownership.

Two principal Committees acted, made up usually of two or three of the Proprietors. There were the Highway and the land division committees.

Each Committee, pursuant to action of the Proprietors, surveyed and bounded land within their charge. The records were Survey Bills which were recorded in the land records. Highway land, until about 1825, was owned by the Proprietors; or, by the town, in later years, until ownership of the land subject to the highway easement went into ownership of the adjacent landowners. In this early period, there was no transfer of title by the highway Survey Bills.

In the case of land allocated to individuals, it was different. The Bill was in effect a deed; and it was the first document of land in individual ownership, which previously had been held in common.

But, to make a valid transfer of title, where many

persons jointly owned land, the law required the execution of a deed by all of the owners.

This requirement was ignored in the practice of the towns. The irregularity, as to past transactions, was validated; and, its continuance was regulated and permitted. Act of 1723. Conn. Laws, 1796 Ed., p. 259.

The term "town" (as presently and generally used) is to be distinguished from the term town, in its larger and legal sense.

The principal land divisions in "town" were the Home Lots. But, there were others, some of which became the home lots or homesteads of the early residents.

Notes follow which relate to the Home Lots and other divisions in "town". They relate to land (1) East of the Town Street, extending from N to S; and, (2) W of the Town Street, generally, in the same direction.

These Notes do not purport to be "title searches." Throughout this volume, the purpose and interest has been historical—with the making of maps of the ancient days of Newtown constantly in mind.

The Town Plat of 1709 is the Map of the initial settlement of the township. To the settlers, this was a map of "home", or of their "town", as distinguished from the surrounding "country".

Home Lots and Other Divisions on the Town Plat Easterly of the Town Street

From the North End of Town Street to Hall Lane

HL 3N: At the N end of the Town Street. Jeremiah Turner to John Beardsley, in exchange for HL 40. Beardsley, 1 Right to John Read (1716) 2 NLR 12; Read to Rev. Elisha Kent (1733-4) 3-4 NLR 167, this HL, bounded: W and N. highway; E and S, John Blackman; Kent to Abraham Bennitt, this HL (1733-4) 3-4 NLR 167.

HL 2N: Ebenezer Blackman, gift to his son, John Blackman, 1 Right ex Edman Lewis and the HL of it, at or near the N end of the Town Street. (1710) 1-2 TR 59.

James Brisco to John Blackman (1716) 2 NLR 104: 2 Acres on the E end of John Beardsley's HL or 4 Acre pitch, "once belonging to Jeremiah Turner." S, N. and E, undivided; 16 by 20 R.

Laid out to John Blackman (1716) 2 NLR 232, a 4 Acre Division on the E and N of his HL and 11R. on Thomas Bennitt's HL 1N; the E line 41 R. on highway; the N line, 14 R.; the W line, 24 R.; and, 20 R. running W upon said Blackman's HL.

Laid out to John Blackman (1758) 7 NLR 140, a 1 Acre Division: (1) near his own door: S34W, 4R. to a heap of stones by Town Street; N22W, 6R. to a rock; N12E, 12 R. to his line; thence, "Crocking as his own Runeth," to the beginning, etc.

Samuel and Abigail Beers; and Abel and Mabel, Botsford,—acknowledged their full satisfaction and receipt in full of all demands, in the estate of "their father," John Blackman, deceased. (1765) 8 NLR 296.

Division of lands of John Blackman, deceased, by his sons,—John, Ebenezer, Joseph and James. (1765) 8 NLR 295.

To Joseph Blackman, $3\frac{1}{4}$ Acres off the SE corner of the home lot; S, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. on Ephraim Bennitt HL; then Northerly, 16 R.; then Easterly, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ R.; and 16 R. by highway Southerly to the beginning.

To James Blackman, the rest of the home lot "besides the above." and $\frac{1}{4}$ Right in commons to each, etc.

John Blackman to James Blackman (1764) 8 NLR 254, $\frac{1}{4}$ home lot and house, the whole about 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres. E and W, highway; N, James land; S, highway and part Ephraim Bennitt, etc.

Ebenezer Blackman to James Blackman, $\frac{1}{4}$ home lot of their father and $\frac{1}{4}$ house, etc. 8 NLR 254.

HL 1N: Daniel Jackson to John Glover (1713) 2 NLR 86, 4 Acres, more or less, bounded: N. John Blackman's HL: E, undivided; S, Jonathan Booth HL; W highway;

In exchange for Thomas Bennitt's HL 7, John Glover

conveyed this HL to Thomas Bennitt (1714) 2 NLR 80. Southerly, highway (Hall Lane.)

Swap with the town: for 1 R. off the E side, laid out land at the rear. (1712) 1-2 TR 10.

Hall Lane to Northerly Cross Highway

HL 1: Jonathan Booth. Voted to swap 1 Rod off the N side of Jonathan Booth's HL and to add land at its rear (1712) 1-2 TR 10. Jonathan Booth, gift to his son, Jonathan Booth, Jr., (1748) 6 NLR 437, HL $3\frac{3}{4}$ Acres, with dwelling and barn and other parcels.

HL 2: Laid out to Benjamin Dunning, 4 Acres, more or less. (1713) 2 NLR 118. W, Town Street; N, Jonathan Booth; E, undivided; S, Matthew Sherman;

The N $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 3 was added to this HL 2. Cf. HL 3.

The disposition of the 6 Acre home lot of Benjamin Dunning, deceased, is not clear. It was the subject of set off and distribution in his estate; and, a son, Amos, died about this time; and there was some interest in it in the estate of Elizabeth Dunning, deceased, etc. So far as Newtown land records go, parts were conveyed:

To Abel Dunning: By Benjamin Dunning (1745) 5 NLR 251, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; by David Dunning (1746-7) 5 NLR 343, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; By Benjamin and David Dunning (1748-9) 5 NLR 350, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; by Michael Dunning (1756) 6 NLR 504, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.

To Michael Dunning: from Abel Dunning (1756) 6 NLR $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; from John Dunning (1752) 6 NLR 198, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; from Benjamin Dunning (1752) 6 NLR 343, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; from Abel Dunning (1752) 6 NLR 182, $\frac{1}{2}$ A.;

Amos Dunning $\frac{1}{2}$ A.; Joseph Stilson, Jr., quitclaim to John, Benjamin, David, Abel, — Dunning and Jehiel Hawley, of New Milford, next of kin of Amos Dunning, deceased, all interest in his land. (1752) 6 NLR 182.

Jehiel Hawley and Sarah, his wife, to Abel Dunning, $\frac{1}{6}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre and $\frac{1}{6}$ of S room of house and $\frac{1}{6}$ of S end or bay of barn (1752) 6 NLR 127. John Dunning to Abel Dunning (1750) 6 NLR 54, $\frac{1}{6}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ A., etc. set off in

estate of his father, Benjamin Dunning, deceased, which came from the estate of his mother, Elizabeth Dunning, now Wheeler. Benjamin and David Dunning to Abel Dunning (1748-9) 5 NLR 529, $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ A. of Amos Dunning, deceased.

Michael Dunning to Deacon Daniel Booth (1756) 6 NLR 508, HL, 4 Acres, more or less and $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres: (1) 4 Acres bounded: N, HL of Jonathan Booth; W, Town Street; S, heirs of Amos Dunning, deceased; (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres: N, above heirs; W, Town Street; S, Abel Dunning's HL.

HL 3: John Griffin exchanged with the town this HL for land elsewhere (1709-10) 1-2 TR 53. Daniel Beardsley, Jr. 1 Right to Matthew Sherman (1710) 2 NLR 1 A. Matthew Sherman to Benjamin Dunning (1713) 2 NLR 119, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of this HL. Matthew Sherman to John Seeley (1713) 2 NLR 9, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of this HL. Cf. HLs 2 and 4.

HL 4. John Seelye to Caleb Daiton (1713) 2 NLR 172, 6 Acres, a messuage or tenement. Caleb Daughton to John Leavenworth, of Stratford, now of Newtown, Blacksmith, a Homestead, 1 HL and $\frac{1}{2}$ a HL, with buildings, 6 Acres, more or less. (1722) 2 NLR 199. Leavenworth to Obadiah Wheeler (1733) 3-4 NLR 130, House, shop and 6 Acres. Wheeler to Capt. David Judson (1743) 5 NLR 90, Mansion house, barn and homestead, 6 Acres, more or less.

HL 5: Benjamin Sherman, gift to his son, Job Sherman. (1714-15) 2 NLR 285, HL 5, granted by the General Court. Division of the undivided land of Job Sherman, deceased, distributed by the Probate Court. (1752) 6 NLR 162,—Division by the Heirs: John Sherman, eldest son, in his own right and that of Ann Case, by purchase; John Blackman, natural guardian to children by his wife, Martha Sherman, deceased, before marriage; Joel Sherman; Martha Sherman; Enos and Mary Bristol; Ephraim Sherman; Amos and Eunice Marchant, and Sarah Sherman: To Joel Sherman: $\frac{1}{4}$ Homestead, by ye Meeting house; to Ephraim Sherman, $\frac{1}{4}$ HL; Eunice Marchant, $\frac{1}{4}$ HL; to Sarah Sherman, $\frac{1}{4}$ HL. Ect. as to other land. Quitclaim by

Bennjah Case, clerk, and Ann Case, his wife, of New Fairfield, to "our brother" John Sherman, (1752) 6 NLR 157, their interest in land of "our father" Job Sherman, deceased. Joel Sherman and Sarah Sherman, Jr., each conveyed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the HL to Ephraim Sherman. (1755) 6 NLR 443; (1754) 6 NLR 415.

Northerly Cross Highway to Southerly Cross Highway

HL 6: The Minister's Lot. On the S side of the North-erly Cross Highway. HL 5 was on the N side of that Highway.

Laid out to Mr Thomas Tousey (1716) 2 NLR 72, a Home Lot, near ye middle of ye town, being No. 6, "on wich the house stands that the town hath erected for ye sd Mr. Tousey."

"Sd Lot lying in length, ye South side 49 Rods; on ye North 45 Rods, wc side ye land is somewhat circular; and on ye W end is 16 or 17 Rods wide and towards ye E end, measured through upon a square from ye NE corner, is $12\frac{1}{2}$ Rods, wide; sd lot being bounded N, E and W, highway; S, the HL formerly of Thomas Bennitt."

The boundaries were set for HLs 6 and 7, so as not to interfere with the highway North, Freegrace Adams consenting. Both 49 Rods long; $12\frac{1}{2}$ Rods wide at the E end. (1716) 2 NLR 72.

Meeting House location: That the Cross Lane or that by John Platt's (HL 22) or rather where the Lane that runs Easterly and Westerly intersects the Main town street or the street that runs Northerly and Southerly, shall be the place to set or erect the Meeting House. (1719) 1-2 TR 100.

And the place for building of the School or Town house or House for holding Town Meetings in, and for teaching school in, shall be the Main or town street near unto Abraham Kimberly's (HL 11) betwixt sd Kimberley's and John Lake's houses. (HL 27.) Id.

A Proprietor's Right was allotted to the Minister by the General Court. (1714) 2 NLR 132.

A Committee for the Town conveyed to Mr. Thomas Tousey, "our present Pastor," by vote of Nov. 11 and 18, 1718, (viz., Thomas Bennitt, Joseph Peck and Peter Hubbell) for and in consideration or on condition of aforesaid Mr. Thomas Tousey having settled and continuing in the work of the Minister in this place of Newtown and that he Never do without just Reason Lay Aside or Give Over sd Work of a Gospel Minister in this Town, grant, etc., a Certain Right of Land within Newtown:

(1) Home Lot 4 Acres, more or less, on which the house is erected, built by ye Town for sd Parson; (2) 2 Acre lot at N end of town; (3) 10 Acre pitch; (4) 6 Acres between Long Swamp and Stratford Road; (5) 160 Acres at flat swamp, near Danbury bounds; (6) 4 Acre pitch sold by him to Jeremiah Northrop; (7) Meadow, 4 Acres, lying near to rear of Smith's 20 Acre lot, at the Southard end of the town and other divisions, plus a right of commonage." 2 NLR 360.

Thomas Tousey to Ephraim Hawley of Stratford (1725) III TR 52, "a certain living or accomodation" in Newtown, HL, 4 Acres, more or less. Ephraim Hawley to Caleb Baldwin, of Milford (1731-2) 3-4 NLR 100. 5 Acres, more or less, with dwelling and barn, etc.

HL 7: Thomas Benit to John Glover (1713) 2 NLR 80: HL 7. Glover to Freegrace Adams, HL in exchange for HL 8. (1716) 2 NLR 65. Boundaries of this HL and HL 6 changed (1716) 2 NLR 72, with consent of Freegrace Adams. HL 7: 49 R. long and 12½ R. wide at the E end. (Daniel Foot ½ Acre at E end of HL 7.-1726: III TR 184.)

Freegrace Adams to Rev Elisha Kent (1733-4) 3-4 NLR 172, HL 7, 4 Acres, more or less. Joseph Murry (1732) 3-4 NLR 128, 1 Acre to Elisha Kent: W, HL 7; E highway, etc.

Elisha Kent to Samuel Sherman (1743) 5 NLR 85, HL 7, 4½ Acres, more or less; and the 1 Acre, ex Murry.

Samuel Sherman to Lt. John Glover, Jr. (1744-5) 5 NLR 212, 108 R.; Northerly, land "now conveyed to Ens.

Caleb Baldwin," 38 R.; and Easterly on sd Baldwin, 2 R. 61½ ft.; Southerly, Benoni Sherman and Westerly, Town Street, 51½ R. less 2 ft.", "measuring square off from sd Benoni's line, it being part of the HL which I bought of Mr. Elisha Kent."

Samuel Sherman to Caleb Baldwin (1744-5) 5 NLR 216, 6 Acres and 48 R.; Westerly, Town Street, and part rear of John Glover land; Northerly, Caleb Baldwin's HL and highway; Northeasterly, highway; Southerly, sd Glover and Benoni Sherman.

Capt. John Glover, Jr., to Benoni Sherman (1746) 5 NLR 337, "my little orchard" with fences: Northerly and Easterly, Caleb Baldwin; Westerly, ye Town Street; and Southerly, Benoni Sherman.

Benoni Sherman to Enos Bristol (1746) 5 NLR 352, 100 Rods: W, Town Street; S, Benoni Sherman; E and N, Ensign Caleb Baldwin, as the fence now stands.

Ensign Caleb Baldwin and Capt. John Glover, Jr., (1746) 5 NLR 339: having bought from Samuel Sherman a HL, and having exchanged parts with each other: they now quitclaim the interest of each in the other's part: To John Glover, the Southerly part; and to Caleb Baldwin the rest as fenced, and land at the Easterly end of it.

Laid out 40 R. to Caleb Baldwin (1758) 7 NLR 104; and near the bottom of his HL (1758) 7 NLR 96; and 20 R. to him, E of his Homestead, near his cider press and wash house (1761) 7 NLR 352. Each with sizure.

Enos Bristol to Capt. John Glover (1762) 7 NLR 509: (1) ¾ Acre, his homestead, as above, but, — Southerly, Zadok Sherman houselot; and, (2) 1 Acre, near John Lake's dwelling: E, Town Street; S, Ebenezer Bristol; W, John Lake; N, highway,—the 1 Acre S of HL 28.

The 1 Acre: John Glover to Lemuel Thomas (1763) 8 NLR 30.

John Glover to Caleb Baldwin (1763) 8 NLR 34, ¾ Acre: W, Town Street; S, Zadok Sherman; E and N, Caleb Baldwin, with dwelling and barn.

Caleb Baldwin, gift to his son, Caleb Baldwin (1763) 8 NLR 41, 4½ Acres: N, own HL; W, Town Street, and so far E as the meadow's lower end below hill, next the pasture lot, with dwelling and barn ex Capt. Glover thereon; S, Zadok Sherman.

HL 8: Freegrace Adams (1713) 2 NLR 80. John Glover and Freegrace Adams exchanged HLs (1716) 2 NLR 65: Adams to Glover, HL 8, except 4 Rods wide at the NW corner on the front or street; Glover to Adams HL 7.

HLs 9 and 10: Laid out to John Glover, two HLs, one by grant of the General Court and one by purchase (1713) 2 NLR 83. Laid out to John Glover 5½ Acres (1713) 2 NLR 83, the width of his two HLs (9 and 10) and Freegrace Adams HL 8, at the rear of them and running 20 rods in depth to the highway; and, at the highway the breadth of the three HLs.

HLs 8, 9 and 10; and 5 ½ Acres at the rear of them: John Glover to Daniel Sherman (1728) 3-4 NLR 7, his Homestead in Newtown, in two pieces, 80-90 Acres, with buildings, etc.: (1) Land, house and barn, HLs 8, 9 and 10 and 5½ Acres; and, (2) land on the E side of Queen Street, and S side of Woodbury road.

Daniel Sherman, gift to his son, Benoni Sherman (1729) 3-4 NLR 8: 1/3 of Homestead, at the N end, and the N end of his barn; etc. (I. E.: 1/3 of the three HLs and 5½ Acres.)

Daniel Sherman, gift to his son, Samuel Sherman (1729) 3-4 NLR 8, the S 1/3 of Homestead, and ½ dwelling, etc.

Benoni Sherman, gift to his son, Zadok Sherman (1760) 7 NLR 356, 1¾ Acres, part of HL, 5½ R. wide, at the N end of his land, from Town Street to Queen Street; N, Caleb Baldwin and Enos Bristol home lots.

Laid out 20 R. plus, at E side of home lot (1761) 7 NLR 525.

HL 11: Abraham Kimberley. ½ of his 4 Acre pitch was at the rear of this HL, 20x16 R., at its E end; Easterly, highway; Southerly, Cross Highway; Northerly, John

Glover (1712) 1-2 TR 34. The Heirs of Abraham Kimberley, deceased, divided this HL (1742) 5 NLR 3 including the 2 Acres at the rear. Length of divisions, N and S; in order, from W to E:

1. To Abraham Kimberley, 1 A. 2 R., 18x9 R. Sold to Ebenezer Bristol (1742) 5 NLR 1. The Westward end of the Homestead.

2. To Sarah Prindle, wife of Joseph Prindle, $\frac{1}{2}$ A. 1 R., 18x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. Sold to Samuel Sherman (1746) 5 NLR 291.

3. Thomas Kimberley, 1 A. 19 R., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. wide. Sold to Samuel Sherman (1742) 5 NLR 73.

4. To Gideon Kimberley, 1 A. 28 R., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. wide; sold to James Hard (1741-2) 5 NLR 43; and by him to John Glover, Jr. (1743) 5 NLR 194; and, Glover to Samuel Sherman (1744) 5 NLR 210.

5. To Mary Leavenworth, wife of Thomas Leavenworth, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ A., 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ R. wide; by them sold to Abraham Kimberley, as $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre (1760) 7 NLR 340.

6. To Prudence Smith, wife of Josiah Smith, 1 A. 36 R., 12 R. wide; by them sold to Abraham Kimberley (1743) 5 NLR 55.

7. To Abigail Lake, wife of John Lake. 1 A. 15 R., 10 R. wide; by them sold to Samuel Sherman (1742-3) 5 NLR 56.

Southerly Cross Highway to Mile Hill Road

HL 12: John Minor, Sr., of Woodbury to John Burrows (1709-10) 1-2 TR 56, 1 Right in Newtown or Quano-pague; Burrows to Richard Nicolls, of Stratford, 1 Right (1710) 1-2 TR 57; Nicolls to Samuel Sanford, Jr., of Milford, 1 Right. (1710) 1-2 TR 58. Samuel Sanford to James Hard (1713) 2 NLR 63, 4 Acres, more or less and house, HL 12; and, ex Capt. Hull's Heirs, 2 Acres at its rear, bounded: N and E, highways; W, HL 12; S, Ebenezer Booth.

James Hard, Sr., to Daniel Sherwood, of Stratford (1733) 3-4 NLR 136, HLs 12-13, 8 Acres, more or less, with house, barn, etc. Daniel Sherwood to Johannah Wheeler,

wife of Obadiah Wheeler (1733) 3-4 NLR 138, HLs 12-13.

4 Acres at the rear of HLs 12-13: James Hard, gift to his son, James Hard, Jr. (1726) III TR 181, 4 Acres, with dwelling and barn; E, highway; N, the street, etc. Sold to Obadiah Wheeler (1734-5) 3-4 NLR 225.

HLs 12-13 and 4 Acres at the rear: Capt. Obadiah Wheeler and Johannah Wheeler, his wife, to Samuel Sherman. (1744-5) 5 NLR 210, 12 Acres, more or less.

Abel Hawley and Vashti Hawley to Justin Sherman, "our brother," (1752) 6 NLR 294, 2 Acres, the E part of the Homeland which our honoured father, Samuel Sherman, bought of Capt. Wheeler; W. Justin's own land.

Justin Sherman to Moses Sanford (1754) 6 NLR 352, 14 Acres, about, on the town street, with buildings and cider mill. Sanford to Lt. James Heard, Jr. (1757) 7 NLR 50; Heard to Moses Sanford (1757) 7 NLR 58; Sanford to James Heard, Jr. (1759) 7 NLR 199: in the S part of town, his Homestead, with buildings. W, Main or Town Street or highway; N, a Cross Highway; E, highway commonly called Queen Street, etc.

Thomas Leavenworth to Moses Sanford (1758) 7 NLR 148, $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre, more or less, land from the highway next Sanford's homeland.

Richard Fairman to James Hard, Jr., 30 R., plus, next these HLs. (1759) 7 NLR 286.

James Hard to Jonathan Booth (1762) 7 NLR 470, 16 Acres: W, Town Street; N, Cross Street; E, Queen Street; S, John Fabregue homestead.

Jonathan Booth, gift to his son, Reuben Booth, (1763) 8 NLR 110—(HLs 12-3) 8 Acres, house and barn: N and W, highway; S, John Fabregue home lot; E, own land.

HL 13: Benjamin Hard, of Woodbury, to Ebenezer Booth, Jr., of Stratford (1709-10) 1-2 TR 54, 1 Right. Booth to James Hard (1714-15) 2 NLR 64, 6 Acres, 60x18 Rods, "allowance for sizure being made by the Committee,"

James Hard took up 2 Acres of the 4 Acre pitch of Capt. Hull's Heirs, at the rear of HL 12, 18x20 R.

2 Acres at the rear of HL 13 was $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 4 Acre pitch of Ebenezer Booth. Cf. (1714) 2 NLR 20. The first 2 Acres were incorporated with the second to make the 4 Acre home lot which James Hard, Sr., gave to his son, James Hard, Jr. Cf. HL 12.

HL 14: Rev. Charles Chauncey to Richard Nicolls, 1 Right which he sold to Joseph Prindle and Joseph Miles, both of New Haven (1712) 1-2 TR 71. Joseph Prindle gave to his son, Samuel Prindle, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right (1715) 2 NLR 20.

Joseph Miles and Samuel Prindle divided their land: To Joseph Miles, HL 14 and $\frac{1}{2}$ a 4 Acre pitch at its rear, etc. (1715) 2 NLR 18. Joseph Miles sold (1722) 2 NLR 268, "one moiety of house and lands," to Samuel Sanford, the HL and 2 Acres at the rear; highway E and W.

These 6 Acres, Samuel Sanford, gift to his son, Jonathan Sanford (1726) III TR 176. This homestead, "a living or tenement," the son sold to Joseph Peck (1727) III TR 217; who conveyed it to the Widow and Heirs of Ebenezer Booth, late of Newtown, deceased, as if he had died seized of same. (1728) III TR 59.

As the "old hum lott which our honoured Mother Booth, late in Stratford, deceased, accepted as her thirds," Nathaniel Booth, of Redding, conveyed to John Fabregue of Newtown (1753) 6 NLR 287, 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ Acres of it, with buildings, etc.; and Peter Mallet and Mary Mallet, his wife, of Stratford, conveyed to Fabregue (1755) 6 NLR 470, $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre of it. $3\frac{3}{4}$ Acres of the 6 Acre home lot, "part of father and mother Booth's estate," Ebenezer and Ann Sanford; Joseph and Abiah Summers, of Stratford; Ebenezer Booth; Abner Booth, of Norwalk; Samuel and Eunice Strong, of Woodbury,—sold to Fabregue (1753) 6 NLR 288.

HL 15: John Read to Samuel Ferris (1719) 2 NLR 244. 4 Acres, more or less, toward the Southard end of Town Street. Bounded: W, sd Street; E, highway; N, Joseph Miles; S, Joseph Bristol. Laid out to Joseph Botsford, at the rear of Samuel Ferris HL ex John Read, $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre, bounded: W, sd lot; N, Jonathan Sanford; E, highway; 1-2 TR 103;

(1725) III TR 155. Samuel Ferris to Nathaniel Nicolls (1739-40) 3-4 NLR 422, 5½ Acres, in the S part of town, bounded: W, Town Street, 17 R.; S, Joseph Bristol HL, 52 R.; E, highway, 16½ R.; N, HL of Mary Booth, 57 R.

HL 16: Samuel Hubbell, Jr., 1 Right to Ebenezer Smith and Joseph Bristol, both of New Haven (1711) 1-2 TR 38.

Division of land jointly owned by Joseph Bristol and Moses Stilson (1720) 2 NLR 161. To Bristol, HL 16; and, to Moses Stilson, HL 29.

The interest of Smith descended, by his will, to his son, Enos Smith and from him came to Stilson, (1720) 2 NLR 364. The S ½ of the homestead, Joseph Bristol gift to his son, Abraham Bristol, with ½ the buildings. (1748-9) 5 NLR 539. Because of advanced age, Abraham Bristol conveyed to his father, a life interest in the premises, his by gift. (1748-9) 5 NLR 539. For his father's 20 Acres on Platt's Hill, Abraham Bristol conveyed to him outright, his ½ of HL 16 and buildings. (1754) 6 NLR 315.

HL 17: John Duning, late of Newtown, to John Gelet, of Weathersfield (1713) 2 NLR 269, a 4 Acre HL "on which my dwelling stands." Gelet sold it to John and Benjamin Northrup, of Milford (1720) 2 NLR 285, as a parcel of house land, 4 Acres, 1 Rod. Benjamin sold to his brother, John Northrup, his ½ interest (1722) 2 NLR 201.

Street land: Laid out to Benjamin Northrup (1758) 7 NLR 118: Begin at a heap of stones, John Northrup's NE corner; Northwesterly, 3 R. to highway; Southwesterly, 16 R. to a heap of stones by highway; Southeasterly, 6½ R. to Lt. John Northrup's corner; Northeasterly, 18½ R. to the beginning. This piece was "before Lt. John Northrup's dore." Benjamin Northrup sold it to him (1758) 7 NLR 145.

Out of highway, at the E end of his homestead, Laid out to John Northrup (1762) 8 NLR 1, 10 rods plus sizure: 2 Rods wide.

HL 1, S of HL 17: Laid out to Joseph Peck, his HL (1711) 2 NLR 116. 4 Acres on the S side of John Dunning

"humlot," 30 R. long and 24 R. wide, bounded N, John Dunning; E, highway; S, highway or undivided; W, undivided. Also: (1711) 1-2 TR 40, a duplicate record: Bounds: N, John Northrop; W, John Duning; S, common and E, common; 30x24 R.

This Joseph Peck, Jr. acquired from Joseph Botsford, 1 Right: $\frac{1}{2}$ Right,—1710: 1-2 TR 61; $\frac{1}{2}$ Right,—1711: 1-2 TR 47.

Upon the division of the lands of Joseph Peck, deceased, his sons: Moses, Joseph and John, Peck assigned this HL, dwelling, etc. to Moses Peck: E, W and S, highway or common; N, John Northrup.

2d HL, S of HL 17. Laid out for Lt. Joseph Peck (1714) 2 NLR 157, 3 Acres on the N side of Jellit's 4 Acre lot, being part of his HL, bounded: N, 2R. highway; E, common; W, highway; S, part Jellit's and part common at the SW corner, etc. Joseph Peck to his son, Ephraim Peck, 1 Right (1716) 2 NLR 321, purchased from the proprietors. (1714) 2 NLR 156.

4 Acres, S of 2d HL, S of HL 17: John Gelet to Samuel Sanford of Milford (1717) 2 NLR 333, 4 Acres, bounded: N, Ephraim Peck; S, Samuel Ferris; E and W, highway or undivided. Sanford, gift to his son, Stephen Sanford (1726-7) III TR 194, as 4 Acres lying on the Town Platt; and, the son sold it to Ephraim Peck (1728-9) 3-4 NLR 1. Ephraim Peck, gift to his son, Ebenezer Peck (1726) 7 NLR 33, bounded: W, highway; Southerly, Samuel Ferris HL; E, James Brisco, Jr.; N, Ephraim Peck's land. 20 R. wide at each end.

3d HL, S of HL 17: Samuel Ferris, gift to his son, Abraham Ferris (1747) 5 NLR 435, part of his HL: Begin at the W end by town street and run Easterly 16 R. across the middle of his well; Southerly, 12 R. to the S line of his lot; Westerly, 16 R. to town street; Northerly, 12 R. to the beginning, with dwelling and shop. His homestead, with buildings, 3 Acres, more or less, the father gave to the same son (1757) 7 NLR 53. And, Abraham Ferris gave to his

father and mother, a life interest therein, except $\frac{1}{2}$ of the barn. (1757) 7 NLR 54.

*Home Lots at the North End of the Town on the
North Side of Danbury Road*

Osborn HL: Joseph Osborn HL (1710) 1-2 TR 118. Bounded E, Joseph Beach; S, highway; W, common. 16x40 R. Laid out to Joseph Osborn (1716) 2 NLR 139, 4 Acres, next to the rear of his HL, 16 R. wide in front and 28 R. in rear; 32 R. long.

Joseph Osborn, Tanner, to Ephraim Osborn, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right in divided and undivided land (1718-19) 2 NLR 141. Joseph and Ephraim Osborn, of New Haven, to John Botsford, of Milford (1725) III TR 220: 8 Acres, more or less.

Beach HL: Joseph Beach lott lyeth at the N end of the town, S and E, highway; W, Joseph Osborn. 16x40 R. 1-2 TR 118. Joseph Beach, of Stratford, to Lieut. Edward Fairchild, of Stratford, 1 Right, HL, etc. (1711) 1-2 TR 53. Edward Fairchild pitch, 4 Acres, on the NE side and NW end of his HL. Edward Fairchild sold $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, part of his HL to James Fairchild, of Stratford (1716) 2 NLR 302.

Joseph Gray sold to James Fairchild (1716) 2 NLR 301, 2 Acres of the 4 Acre pitch, next the home lot of James Fairchild. James Fairchild to Edward Fairchild (1719) 2 NLR 46, the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, above. Edward Fairchild to Thomas Bennitt (1721) 2 NLR 108, the 4 Acre HL and dwelling and barn; and the 5 Acres at the rear. Laid out to Thomas Bennitt (1726) 2 NLR 107, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, at the rear of his home lot ex Fairchild. Thomas Bennitt, gift to his son, Abraham Bennitt (1727) 2 NLR 330, 13 Acres at the Northard end of town, home lot ex Fairchild and several parcels next to it, house, barn, etc. Laid out to Abraham Bennitt, (1730) 3-4 NLR 40: $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, next his home lot, on the N side. Abraham Bennitt, gift to his son, Abraham Bennitt (1755) 7 NLR 37: $\frac{1}{2}$ home lot,—Begin at the East corner of Gideon Baldwin's home lot and run N to NE corner of sd lot; run E, $\frac{1}{2}$ the width of the home lot and S,

so as to take $\frac{1}{2}$ of sd home lot at the front; and W, to the beginning, etc. Laid out $\frac{1}{3}$ Acre (1758) 7 NLR 100, to Abraham Bennitt, before his own door, etc.

*Home Lots West of Town Street
Danbury Road to Northerly Cross Highway*

HL 18N: Benjamin Peet to John Read, 1 Right (1710) 1-2 TR 58. John Read to Peter Hubbell, HL of 4 Acres. N and E, on highways or streets; S, Peter Hubbell's HL; W, undivided. Henry Botsford, gift to his son, Abel Botsford (1737-8) 3-4 NLR 323, 4 Acres, at the N side of his home lot. (HLs 18 and 18N) with house and $\frac{1}{2}$ barn.

HL 18: Richard Hubbell, of Stratfield, gift to his son, Peter Hubbell (1712) 1-2 TR 45, 1 Right and HL "upon which he had built and made improvements." Etc. Peter Hubbell to Henry Botsford, Sr., of Milford (1726) III TR 149, one whole Right in commons, HL 18, etc. Henry, Moses and Abel, Botsford, sons of Henry Botsford, deceased, divide their lands: To Henry Botsford, $\frac{1}{3}$ HL and $\frac{1}{2}$ house, in middle of HL and 102 Rods of meadow at the rear, this meadow he conveyed to Abel Botsford, as $\frac{5}{8}$ Acre (1754) 6 NLR 337. The Southerly $\frac{1}{2}$, as 1 Acre, he conveyed to Jabez Botsford (1762) 7 NLR 510.

To Moses Botsford, $\frac{1}{3}$ HL on the S side, etc. and, to Abel Botsford, $\frac{1}{3}$ HL at the N end and the barn on it, etc.

Laid out to Henry and Abel Botsford (1758) 7 NLR 117, $\frac{2}{3}$ Acre: and Henry conveyed his interest to Abel Botsford. 7 NLR 116: To his own land by his house, Begin at NW corner, N33W, 4 R. to a 2 Rod highway; E24N, 8 R. by it; W69S, 5 R. to own line and in it to the beginning, plus sizure.

Henry Botsford to Abel Botsford, Jr., 1 Acre: N and W, Abel Botsford; S, grantor ($\frac{1}{2}$ of his home lot.) (1762) 7 NLR 475.

HL 19: Samuel Ferris of Stratfield to Joseph Gray of Fairfield (1709) 1-2 TR 49, HL 19, 4 Acres. Joseph Gray to Stephan Hawley, of Stamford (1725) III TR 32, 8 Acres

(HLs 19-20). Stephan Hawley to Jonathan Booth, Jr. (1733-4) 5 NLR 110, $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres 60 R., part of HL on its N side. 46 R. long and $9\frac{1}{2}$ R. wide on Town Street and $10\frac{1}{2}$ R. at the W end.

Stephan Hawley to Dr Richard Fairman (1750) 6 NLR 99, part of HL. Begin at NE corner, next home lot land sold to Jonathan Booth and run Southerly, 8 R. less 6 ft. to Hawley's own land; run Westerly, $2\frac{1}{2}$ R.; N to stones, 1 R. 3 ft.; Westerly, 43 R. to Moses Johnson; Northerly, $6\frac{1}{2}$ R. to land of Jonathan Booth, Jr. Easterly, to beginning. 1 A. $\frac{3}{4}$ and 16 R., with dwelling.

HL 20: Richard Hubbell to Joseph Gray (1716) 2 NLR 75, 4 Acres; 42 R. long, 16 R. wide. Northerly, Gray's HL ex Samuel Ferris, etc. Stephan Hawley from Joseph Gray HLs 19-20. Cf HL 19. Stephan Hawley to John Botsford, Jr. (1735-6) 3-4 NLR 238, 1 Acre of his homestead: Easterly, John Botsford, Jr.; Southerly, home lot of sd Botsford; Northerly, own land; W, Turner. Stephen Hawley to Lt. Daniel Booth (1757) 7 NLR 30, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, 33 R., $8\frac{1}{2}$ R. on Town Street; N, Dr. Richard Fairman's home lot, 44 R.; S, John Botsford.

HL21: Josiah Curtis sold $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to John Botsford (1726) III TR 39. The HL came to Botsford (1726) III TR 124. John Botsford, gift to his son, John Botsford, Jr. (1733-4) 3-4 NLR 160, Homestead, 4 Acres, with mansion house. John Botsford, gift to his son, Abel Botsford (1758) 7 NLR 80, $\frac{1}{2}$ of home lot, the Southward side, part of house, $\frac{1}{2}$ of barn, etc.

HL 22: Benjamin Fayerweather, of Stratfield, to John Platt, of Newtown (formerly of Milford) 2 Rights and Divisions (1711) 1-2 TR 54. John Platt to Nathan Baldwin, Jr., of Milford (1721) 1-2 TR 125, 4 Acres, HL 22. Capt. Nathan Baldwin to Jabez Baldwin (1756) 6 NLR 493, gift to his son, his HL, more than 4 Acres, with buildings: S, the Northerly Cross Highway.

*Home Lots on the North Side of the
Northerly Cross Highway, and West of Town Street*

HL 38: Proprietors to John Morris, 1 Right (1713) 2 NLR 48. John Morris, yeoman, to his father, Elezer Morris, yeoman, of New Haven, 1 Right (1713) 2 NLR 50. In an Elezer Morris-Freegrace Adams exchange of lands, Morris conveyed to Adams, HL 38, near the middle of the town, bounded: S, highway; E, Moses Johnson; W, Benjamin Dunning (20 Acre lot); N, common, and a 4 Acre pitch, to take up, etc. Freegrace Adams to Moses Johnson (1730-1) 3-4 NLR 54, HL 38.

HL 38, 39 and 4 Acre pitch: Less the following 1½ Acre,—Moses Johnson to Jonathan Booth, Jr., at the rear of the HL that was Stephan Hawley's (HL 19) 1750: 6 NLR 101,—E, Booth; N and W, Booth; S, own land. E and W, 34 R. and 6¼ R. wide.

Jeremiah Johnson to Thomas Skidmur (1756) 7 NLR 10, Westerly of the Meeting House. Begin at the SE corner: N17½W, 44 R. to the NW corner of HL 40; E15N, 19 R. to its NE corner; N21W, 12 R. on HL 19; Westerly, on Booth, 34 R.; Southerly, 10 R. less 4 ft.; W61½S, 19 R. less 8 links on Booth to the NW corner; S10E, 34 R. 8 L.; S23E 23 R. less 5 L.; to SW corner; Easterly, part on James Baldwin and part on highway, 37 R. less 3 L., to the beginning.

A strip of highway land added to this lot: Laid out to Lt. Thomas Skidmur (1758) 7 NLR 104, ½ Acre in 3 pieces. (1) Next the S line of his Johnson lot: Begin at the SE corner and run SW 9½ R., to a point 2 R. S of sd line; Westerly, 14 R. by highway; Northerly, 3 R. to sd line; Easterly, in it, 21½ R. to the beginning, etc.

Thomas Skidmur to Daniel Booth (1757) 7 NLR 30, 1 Acre, part of Johnson lot; 12½ R. wide at E end. Southerly, Peninah Turner and Gideon Botsford; W, own land; Northerly, Jonathan Booth; Easterly, Richard Fairman and Daniel Booth's land.

Thomas Skidmur, gift to his son, Thomas Skidmur,

(1757) 7 NLR 57, 4 Acres, at the W end of the Johnson lot.

Thomas Skidmur to Gideon Baldwin (1761) 7 NLR 459, $2\frac{1}{4}$ Acres, a part of Moses Johnson home lot; W, Baldwin's house on the hill; N, Jonathan Booth; S, highway.

Daniel Booth to Jonathan Booth (1760) 7 NLR 290: 1 Acre, above, ex Skidmur.

William James of Stratford to Jonathan Miles, yeoman, 1 Right. (1710) 2 NLR 223. Jonathan Miles to Moses Johnson (1713) 2 NLR 220, house lot and 4 Acres next to it, 8 Acres, more or less. And included in the "Johnson lot" of Skidmur.

Jonathan Miles 4 Acre pitch (1712) 1-2 TR 31, at the rear of HL 18 and HL 39, bounded: Northerly, rear of HL 18; Easterly, at the rear of HL 20. 32 R. wide at the S side on HL 39; W end is 16 R. wide, on highway; 24 R. on E end. Cf. Moses Johnson to Samuel Sanford, 2 NLR 220, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, except 8 Acres, a HL and 4 Acres next to it.

HL 40: John Beardsley, of Stratford, to John Read of Lonetown (1715) 2 NLR 262, HL 3N ex Jeremiah Turner. John Beardslee, Blacksmith, to Jeremiah Turner (1714) 2 NLR 33, HL 40, a 4 Acre lot, 20 R. x 40 R., S, highway; Westerly, Moses Johnson; Easterly, John Platt, Josiah Curtis and Joseph Gray; Northerly, Moses Johnson; and, in exchange, Turner to Beardsley, HL 3N. 1 Acre added to this stony and swampy HL as sizure (1722-3) 2 NLR 33. Samuel Turner to Jeremiah Turner (2d) (1744-5) 5 NLR 206; (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ HL,—3 A. on the W side of 6 Acres, HL 37 plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 36; and, (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of meadow on the other side of the street,— $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 40. Samuel Turner to his mother-in-law, Willmit Turner (1745) 2 NLR 262, his interest in 3ds in her possession, as his father's widow: (1) the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 40, 2 Acres; and, (2) the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 Acres,—3 Acres.

Jeremiah Turner to Gideon Botsford (1746-7) 5 NLR 342, $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres "in Newtown, lying neare ye Hart thereof,

on ye N side of ye street or highway which runs Westward from the Meeting House and opposite ye dwelling house we originally Did belong to my honoured Father, Jeremias Turner, deceased, which $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres descended to my brother, Samuel Turner, and by him bought of his brother; the Western side or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the lot; the other $\frac{1}{2}$, or $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, now owned by his mother-in-law, Willmut Turner, Relict of his father.

Gideon Botsford to Gideon Baldwin (1761) 7 NLR 408, 458. $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, near Lt. Skidmur's dwelling: S, highway; W, Skidmur; E, Peninah Turner; and $1\frac{1}{2}$ A. of the Johnson lot. CF HL 38.

Willmit Turner, gift to her daughter, Peninah Turner (1748) 6 NLR 31. HL ex Samuel Turner, 3 Acres, more or less. Westerly, Benjamin Glover, a crooked line; W, S and N, as in sd deed. And: 3 Acres, Northerly of ye Street, meadow land, the E side of HL 40. $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, as of Peninah Turner, deceased, sold by Oliver Fairchild, by order of the General Assembly, to Jonathan Booth. (1762) 7 NLR 527. On the S side, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre on highway: Oliver Fairchild to Jonathan Booth (1762) 7 NLR 528.

Home Lots on West Side of Town Street Between the Cross Highways

HL 23: Capt. James Judson of Stratford to Daniel Baldwin, Sr. (1710) 1-2 TR 61, 1 Right. Nathan, John and James Baldwin, Executors of the Estate of Daniel Baldwin, deceased, confirmed the gift of this HL to their brother, Enos Baldwin, "near the meeting house," $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres (1721) 2 NLR 125. The land of Enos Baldwin, deceased: HL to Damariss Bryan, "relleck" of the deceased. III TR 53. Samuel and Dameriss Bryan to Enos Sherman of Stratford, dwelling and HL (1-2 TR 154) 4 Acres, bounded: S, Daniel Foot; E. Street; W, Jeremiah Turner; N, highway. Enos Sherman to Joseph Murry of Newtown (1724) III TR 42, a

messuage or tenement, house and HL ex Enos Baldwin, deceased.

Joseph Murry sold to Lewis Lyons of Milford (1729-30) 3-4 NLR 29, 132 R. at the NE corner, $3\frac{1}{2}$ R. wide at the E and W, ends; and 30 R. long, bounded N on the Cross highway and E on the Street. Lyon sold it to John Fabrigue (3-4 NLR 170)

The remainder of the HL, Joseph Murry to Elisha Kent (1732) 3-4 NLR 128, as $3\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, with buildings. Kent sold to Fabrigue (1734) 3-4 NLR 170, 71 Rods. The two Fabrigue deeds made a lot $5\frac{1}{2}$ R. wide at each end, and 32 R. long. This lot, Fabrigue sold to Donald Grant (1738-9) 3-4 NLR 381, as 1 A. 15 R., his mansion house and home lot, ex Lyon and Kent; within about 6 R. of ye Public Meeting house, on ye W side of ye Town Street.

Out of the remainder, Kent sold to Wilmot Turner (1741) 5 NLR 157, $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre, part of his dwelling home lot; and, gift by her to her daughter, Peninah Turner (1748) 6 NLR 31.

Kent sold his homestead, as 2-3 Acres, to Donald Grant the whole of the HL ex Murry, except what was sold to Turner and Fabregue (1743) 5 NLR 88.

Grant owned all but the Turner $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre and the following (which is not understood)—Jonathan Hubbell to John Fabregue (1752) 6 NLR 146, land lying near the W side of the Church in Newtown, part of HL, 24x2 R., on town street, Eastward from corner of Donald Grant's home lot, extending 12 R. Southerly and Westerly, 2 R.

HL 24: Daniel Foot to Thomas Leavenworth of Stratford (1733) 3-4 NLR 217, HL, 4 Acres, and mansion house and buildings, bounded: E, Town Street or highway; W, Samuel Turner; S, Homestead of John Beach; N, homestead of Elisha Kent. Leavenworth sold it to Jonathan Hubbell (1737-8) 3-4 NLR 308. Hubbell to Leavenworth (1738) 3-4 NLR 339. Again Dr. Thomas Leavenworth to Jonathan Hubbell (1738-9) 3-4 NLR 384, HL, house and barn. In two deeds, Hubbell to James Gifford, of Newtown: (1) $\frac{1}{2}$

of dwelling and HL (1741) 3-4 NLR 531, as 5 Acres, more or less; and, (2) the rest (1742) 5 NLR 24.

HL 25: Peleg Burritt's Right to Benjamin Peet to Josiah Burritt. $\frac{1}{2}$ Right to Samuel Summers. Land divided and HL to Josiah Burritt (1716) 2 NLR 293.

Josiah Burritt to Daniel Foot (1719) 2 NLR 144, 4 A. more or less: N, Foot's HL; S, Thomas Bracey; E, Town Street; W, part Jeremiah Turner and part land of Foot.

Town Meeting (1724) III TR 22, voted to purchase a HL for John Beach and to build on it a house, 21x40, in height generally as two story houses are built; and to erect a chimney in the midst of it, with two fireplaces below and one in the chamber. A committee was named to buy the HL.

Daniel Foot to John Beach, Minister (1725) III TR 25, 4 neat acres, for 40 pounds, current Colonial money from the Town's Committee, HL 25, formerly Josiah Burritt's HL.

The Town quitclaimed its interest in the dwelling and 4 Acres to Beach, in consideration of his past services as Minister (1732) 3-4 NLR 126.

Beach acquired Sharp's 4 Acre pitch, next this HL: Elizabeth Sharp to John Beach (1734) 3-4 NLR 198, 4 Acres at the Easterly end of Sharp's home lot 41, bounded: E, Beach HL, Stilson and Lake's HLs (26-27); S, Samuel Ferriss meadow; N, Samuel Turner and Lt. Skidmur; W, remainder of Sharp's home lot.

HL 25 and Sharp 4 Acres: John Beach, of Reading to Thomas Chambers of Newtown (1744-5) 5 NLR 228, his HL and 4 Acres next it, also house and barn. As 8 Acres, more or less: Chambers to Dr. George Weed of New Haven (1745) 5 NLR 261.

HL25: Dr. Weed to John Sherman (1746) 5 NLR 327. Sherman to John Dunning (1746-7) 5 NLR 348. Dunning sold the Northerly 3 Acres to Stephen Burwell (1747) 5 NLR 389; and the S 1 Acre, to Nathan Sherman (1747) 5 NLR 363. Cf. HL 26.

Stephen Burwell, gift to son, William Burwell (1764) 8 NLR 155, $8\frac{1}{2}$ Acres: E, Town Street; N, Jonathan Hubbell; W, Peninah Turner and Caleb Baldwin and heirs Donald Grant, deceased; S, 28 R. on Samuel Ferris; E, Lake's land, 12 R. and John Camp, with buildings. Included in this:

The Sharp 4 Acres: Dr. George Weed to Matthew Curtis (1746-7) 5 NLR 386; and, Curtis to Stephen Burwell (1748) 5 NLR 439.

HL 26: Samuel Hawley, Sr., of Stratford to John Platt, 1 Right, HL and divisions (1709) 1-2 TR 53. John Platt to Thomas Bracey, $\frac{1}{2}$ Right (1712) 1-2 TR 177. $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, with HL, dwelling and barn, etc., Bracey to Martha Stilson, wife of Hugh Stilson, of Milford (1721) 1-2 TR 121-2.

Partition of land of Martha Stilson, deceased, by her sons: Samuel, Joseph and Benjamin Stilson: (1) To Samuel: $\frac{1}{4}$ HL by him sold to his father, Hugh Stilson and $\frac{1}{3}$ of HL by him sold to Nathan Baldwin, Samuel Stilson of Danbury to Hugh Stilson (1726) III TR 140, $\frac{1}{4}$ HL, with house and barn, which Hugh Stilson gave to his son, Vincent Stilson (1726) III TR 224. By him to Nathan Sherman (1745) 5 NLR 253, as $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acre and $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5 R. Nathan Sherman to Nathan Baldwin (1760) 7 NLR 365, this land and 1 Acre above, of HL 25, as 2 Acres 65 Rods.

Samuel Stilson to Nathan Baldwin, $\frac{1}{3}$ Acre of his father's home lot, as heir of his brother, Stephen Stilson, deceased, bounded: N, Baldwin's land; E, town street; S, Benjamin Stilson; W, John Beach.

(2) To Joseph Stilson: $\frac{1}{4}$ HL by him sold to Nathan Baldwin (1733) 3-4 NLR 140, bounded: E, highway; N, Vincent Stilson; W, Sharp; S, Stephen Stilson, with $\frac{1}{4}$ house and barn.

(3) To Benjamin Stilson, $\frac{1}{4}$ HL and $\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of HL. As 2 Acres: Benjamin Stilson to Samuel Sherman (1737) 3-4 NLR 296, part of HL left to him by heirship—at S side. To Abel Beers, (1737-8) 3-4 NLR 320; to James Gifford

(1741) 3-4 NLR 500, with dwelling, shop and 2/3 barn; to Ralph Isaac, of Norwalk (1744) 5 NLR 155; to John Lake (1746) 5 NLR 299. John Lake to Ephraim Lake (1759) 7 NLR 243. Ephraim Lake to Jotham Sherman (1764) 8 NLR 129, 2 A., his home lot, bounded: S, his father's HL; W, Stephen Burwell; N, Capt. Nathan Baldwin; E, Town Street, with leave to the grantor to remove the house.

HL 27: David Beardsley, Sr., to Thomas Lake of Stratford (1710) 1-2 TR 55, 1 Right. Thomas Lake, gift to his son, John Lake 1 Right. 1-2 TR 39.

HL 28: Capt. John Hawley, of Stratford, to John Gelet (1720-1) III TR 248, a 5 Acre HL, more or less: N, John Lake and heirs of Thomas Sharp; E, Abraham Kimberly; S, highway; W, common or Sharp heirs. Measured the HL of John Gelet (1723-4) 2 NLR, at the request of Capt. John Hawley, as follows: 34 R. long; 26 R. at the E end; 22 R. at the W end; Bounded: S, highway, about 6 R. wide at the middle of sd lot; at each end or corner to be 8 R. wide; N, part John Lake HL and part Samuel Ferris ex Thomas Sharp. The exchange of "some part of it" with the town was noted.

John Gelet to Joseph Miles (1722) 2 NLR 103, one moiety of HL land, with a small house, 5 Acres, more or less, as above. Joseph Miles to John Gelet (1722) III TR 248, the above. John Gelet, gift to his son, Samuel Gelet (1745) 5 NLR 264, 1/2 HL, at its Westerly side and 1/2 dwelling. John and Samuel Gillet to John Lake (1760) 7 NLR 319, their HL.

A small bit of land, at the S side of the HL was Laid out to John Gillitt and more on the Town Plain, to the West. These parcels he conveyed to Samuel Gillitt (1758) 7 NLR 162.

HL 28 was made up as follows: For land taken off the E end, an equivalent was added at its W end; and, in addition 1 Acre 24 Rods were added at its SW corner and Laid out to Capt. John Hawley (1712) 1-2 TR 40; 12. The effect

was to re-locate the HL Westerly of the line of the other HLs on the Town Street and to enlarge it.

2 Acres of Abraham Kimberley's 4 Acre pitch were taken at the W end of HL 28 (1712) 1-2 TR 34. Kimberley to John Hawley (1719) in exchange for 2 Acres from Hawley at the E end of HL 28 (1718) 2 NLR 256.

2 Acres at the E end of HI 28: Heirs of Abraham Kimberley divided these Acres (1742) 5 NLR 3: to Hannah Hard, wife of James Hard, $\frac{1}{2}$ A. 16 R., 16 R. long; E and W, 6 R. wide. James and Hannah Hard to Samuel Sherman (1743) 5 NLR 73, bounded: W. John Gelet's HL; S, John Lake's meadow lot; E, highway or common. Abiah Curtis, wife to John Curtis, the rest of the meadow, 144 R.: N, Hannah Hard. John and Abiah Curtis to John Lake, our brother (1743) 5 NLR 54, this part of the meadow. Along HL 27, and extending 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. Westerly, from the Town Street, to these parcels a highway, replaced by one of 2 R., infra. (1747-8) 5 NLR 7, rear. To Abigail Lake, wife of John Lake, a piece of meadow.

These 1742 divisions appear to nullify these deeds, apparently to the same land: Josiah and Prudence Smith to Abraham Kimberley (1741-2) 3-4 NLR 540; Mary Kimberley to her brother, Abraham Kimberley (1731) 3-4 NLR 107; John and Abiah Curtis (1738-9) 3-4 NLR 544; Joseph and Sarah Prindle to John Beach (1736) 3-4 NLR 259; John Beach to John Lake (1758) 7 NLR 114, however, conveyed what he got from the Prindles. Cf. Nathaniel Nicolls to Abraham Kimberley (1731) 3-4 NLR 81, which purported to convey the 2 Acres meadow.

At the E end of this meadow: Laid out to Enos Bristol, (1758) 7 NLR 132, $\frac{1}{4}$ A, with sizure. Begin at Town Street, 2 R. Southerly of Mr. Lake's HL; S20E, 7 R. to a heap of stones by Town Street; W23S, 9 R. to Lake's land; N24W, 7 R. part on Lake and part Mary Prindle to 2 R. highway that goeth to her meadow; and, to beginning.

2 Acres at the West end of HL 28: (1721) 2 NLR 241, ex Matthew Sherman, and Laid out to Samuel Ferris: N,

Gelet's HL; S, highway; W, undivided; N, Skidmur and Sharp.

*Home Lots on South Side of Northerly Cross Highway,
West of Town Street*

2 Acres on West side of HL 35: Laid out to John Griffin in lieu of HL 3, etc. (1713) 2 NLR 122. This 2 Acres was conveyed: Ebenezer Prindle to Caleb Dayton (1713-14) 2 NLR 172; to Daniel Foot (1716) 2 NLR 143; to John Porter, of Northampton; to Jonathan Jackson of Stratfield blacksmith (1717-18) 2 NLR 57; to John Sloss (1720) 2 NLR 79. Samuel Cooke of Stratford to James Baldwin (1728) III TR 278, 2 Acres 30 R., originally Laid out as 2 Acres to John Griffin as part of his HL, the rest elsewhere: E and N, land of Ensign Skidmore; rest undivided or highways.

Thomas Skidmur to James Baldwin (1729) 3-4 NLR 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre: W, James Baldwin; S, heirs of Thomas Sharp; the S line is $2\frac{3}{4}$ R.; NE, Thomas Skidmur; the E line is $28\frac{1}{2}$ R.; N, sd Skidmur. The Northerly line, $2\frac{3}{4}$ R.

James and Daniel Baldwin to Gideon Baldwin (1760) 3-4 NLR 287, $3\frac{1}{2}$ Acres (the $\frac{1}{2}$ HL and $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, above) on S side of Lt. Skidmur's HL, etc., of their father, late deceased.

HL35: Laid out to Ebenezer Prindle (2 NLR 317) 4 Acre, HL—N, highway; W, Caleb Dayton; S, Sharp heirs; E, Enos Prindle.

Ebenezer Prindle to John Burritt of Stratford (1715) 2 NLR 317, house and barn and 4 Acres; to John Porter (1716) 2 NLR 318; to Thomas Skidmur (1717) 2 NLR 315 (cf. HL 36)

HL 36: Richard Hubbell to John Read, 1 Right and $\frac{1}{2}$ HL. (1715) 2 NLR 261.

John Read of Lonetown to Enos Prindle (1715) 2 NLR 24, his 2 Acre home lot, bounded: N, highway or street; E, Jeremiah Turner; S, Lydia Sharp; W. Ebenezer Prindle:

the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 36. Ebenezer Prindle, carpenter, to Thomas Skidmur, carpenter, (1719-20) 2 NLR 347, the same.

The E $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 36: Richard Hubbell, Jr., of Stratford, to his brother-in-law, John Glover, "for labour and services upon my Right in Newtown." (1710) 1-2 TR 58. To Jeremiah Turner (1713) 2 NLR 31, bounded: N, highway; E, Jeremiah Turner; S, Wd Sharp; W, Mr. Read.

HL 37: Jeremiah Turner. $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 36 added. Cf. HL 36. Samuel Turner to Jeremiah Turner (1744-5) 5 NLR 206, $\frac{1}{2}$ a home lot of 6 Acres, more or less, bounded: W, Lt. Skidmur; S, Lt. Griffin and Thomas Chambers; E, own land In his mother's possession;) and $\frac{2}{3}$ of dwelling; and $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres in HL 40. Jeremiah Turner (2d) to Benjamin Glover (1747) 5 NLR 366, these 3 Acres.

The Easterly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 6 Acres: Samuel Turner to Willmit Turner (1745) 5 NLR 262, his interest in it and $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 40, both in her possession as 3ds of Estate of his father, Jeremiah Turner, deceased. A way to the land of Glover: Willmit Turner to Benjamin Glover (1747) 5 NLR 367, 12 R. long and 2 R. wide, Glover's $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 6 Acres being at the Southerly end.

Benjamin Glover to Lt. Daniel Booth (1749) 6 NLR 15: 3 Acres off the Southard end of home lot, on which his dwelling and barn now stand. Northard, $1\frac{1}{2}$ R. on highway or town street; run Westerly 1 R. to a corner of Skidmur home lot; Southerly in his line to Stephen Burwell's land; Easterly in latter's line to SW corner of Willmitt Turner's land; Northerly in her line, measuring the whole width of sd lot fom the S end till it makes almost 3 Acres; then runs Westerly next Glover's own land to about $1\frac{1}{2}$ R. from Skidmur's land; then Northerly to sd street, next Glover's own land Eastward.

The three Acres to Caleb Baldwin (1751) 6 NLR 92. The rest of his $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 Acres, Benjamin Glover to Caleb Baldwin (1751) 6 NLR 93, his home lot, lying a little Westward of ye meeting house, $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre: E, Ninah Turner's home lot; S, Daniel Booth, above; W, Skidmur; or a shut

highway to Booth's land; and, N on highway, with house and barn.

Caleb Baldwin, gift of the two parcels, to his son, Caleb Baldwin, Jr., as "about 4 Acres," (1757) 7 NLR 26, with dwelling and barn. And Caleb Baldwin, 3d to his father, Caleb Baldwin, 3½ A. (1763) 8 NLR 41.

HL 41: Thomas Sharp. And (1712) 1-2 TR 33, his 4 A. pitch, at the E end of his HL and on S side of same: SW corner, common; SE corner, rear of John Lake's HL 27; N corner, Jeremiah Turner and Josiah Burritt. E end, 40 R.; S end 26 R.; Bounded by own lot at NW corner.

Thomas Sharp's Administrator to Thomas Skidmur and William Peet, ½ Right, divided and undivided (1714) 2 NLR 314 .The Peet interest to Skidmur (1716) 2 NLR 314.

Division of land between Sharp's Administrator and Skidmore: ½ of homestead, etc., which Skidmore bought, 2 ¾ A., (1723) III TR 9, bounded: S, John Gelet and Samuel Ferriss, 26½ R.; 18 R. wide; N, Sharp's heirs, 26½ R.; E, John Lake, 16 R.,—to Skidmore.

Thomas Skidmur to Samuel Ferris (1722) III TR 154, ½ of HL and ½ of 4 Acre Division, next to it. E, part of HL formerly Josiah Burritt, now Daniel Foot; and part Hugh Stilson; the E line, 40 R.; S, part upon John Gelet's HL and part Ferris' own land, 26 R.; then running Northward to Sharp's HL.

Heirs release in their ½ of home lot of 8 Acres: Wd Lydia Sharp and Thomas Sharp; Noah Parmelee and Mary Parmelee; William Sharp and Elizabeth Parmelee; Stephen Parmele; John Sharp of New York: to Lt. Samuel Griffin 4¾ Acres 29 R., part of home lot of their father, Thomas Sharp, deceased (1746) 5 NLR 327, 334.

Thomas Sharp to Stephen and Elizabeth Parmelee; Lidiah Sharp, Noah and Mary Parmelee, his mother and sisters; and, to Thomas Sharp, 4 Acres, commonly called Sharp's home lot, which was sold to Mr. John Beach by my sisters, Mary and Elizabeth Parmelee (1752) 6 NLR 320.

(The sale and division of the Administrator was, in part, ineffectual.) For the 4 Acre pitch, in the last deed, cf. HL 25.

Parsonage 4 Acres: Laid out to Rev. John Beach "so long as he continues in the Ministry in Newtown," 4 Acres pasture (1725) III TR 25. E, Samuel Ferris, 34 R.; S, common, 32 R.; running Northerly along Sharp's house lot, about 3 R. Easterly from Sharp's home. Thence, Easterly in Sharp's line, 16 R.

Added to the Sharp home lot: Laid out to Lt. Samuel Griffin, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, between his own land (1751) 6 NLR 98, and James Baldwin's town lot so called, leaving a narrow highway between. Begin at Griffin's NW bounds: Easterly on him, 14 R. to NE corner; N, 6 R. to bounds of land ex Sharp, part of way on parsonage land; Westerly on sd narrow way, 12 R. and 7 R. to beginning.

Lt. Samuel Griffin to Donald Grant (1753) 6 NLR 285, "Mr. Sharp's deceased, home lot" ex his heirs and some additions made to it, 5 Acres or near thereabouts; and, 1 Acre 17 R. of meadow next it.

Laid out to James Hard, Jr. (1761) 7 NLR 434: S, highway, 19 R. from Claypits at Silliman Hubbell's E side; on him and Donald Grant, to Judson's line, to a point 4 R. from highway at the S.

James Hard, Jr. to Donald Grant (1762) 7 NLR 501, $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acres on the Plain, near Hull's dwelling: E and S, highways; W, Silliman Hubbell and Grant; Westerly, Gideon Baldwin; Northerly, Mr Judson's parsonage land.

1 Acre Neat, near Sharp's home lot. Town to Thomas Sharp (1731) 3-4 NLR 83, at the Northwesterly part of the Town Plain, near Sharp's dwelling house and on a small run of water, principally proceeding from a spring called Griffin's Spring. Said acre lies 4 square, 13 R. on each side. Sold to Nathan Baldwin (1737) 3-4 NLR 281.

*On the West side of the Town Plain,
North of Southerly Cross Highway; and at or near
Highway to Northerly Cross Highway*

Laid out to Stephen Person, 40 Rods "on ye plain so called." (1758) 7 NLR 104-7. Begin at a heap of stones neare to ye dwelling house of John Shepard, where two highways meet and thence run N8W, 14 R. by highway; then, E2N, 18 R.; Westerly by a 6 Rod highway to beginning, with sizure.

Sold to Robert Thompson (1758) 7 NLR 146.

To the N, on 2 Rod highway: Laid out to Robert Thomson, 40 R. (1758) 7 NLR 145, on the Plain next the line of Stephen Person's land. Begin at the latter's NW corner, N28W by highway, 6 R.; E2N, 18 R.; S28E, 6 R. to a corner of Person; W2S, 18 R. on him to beginning.

Robert Thomson mortgage to Thomas Skidmur (1767) 8 NLR 500, on 1½ A. on the Plain, near the dwelling of John Shepard: N2W, 20 R. by highway; E2N, 18 R.; S28E, 6R.; Westerly by highway, to beginning.

Laid out to William Burch, ½ Acre (1758) 7 NLR 147. On the Plain, Westerly, highway. Southerly, Robert Thomson; Easterly, Samuel Gillet; Northerly, Lt. Samuel Griffin; Begin at Griffin's Southerly corner, S18E, 10 R. by highway to Northerly corner of Thomson's land; on it, E2N, 18 R. to Thomson's NE corner; N11W, 6 R.; E4N, 5 R.; N13 W, 7 R., to Samuel Griffin's corner; W24S, 24 R. to beginning, with sizure. Added to this lot: Silliman Hubbell to William Birtch (1764) 8 NLR 185, 20 R., a part of Hum lot: W and N, on Birtch; E, own land—a triangular form.

Laid out to John Gillitt (1758) 7 NLR 160: ½ Acre, with sizure. On the Plain. Begin at highway near John Hull's and run Northerly 5 R., to Grant's SE corner; Westerly, 21 R. on Grant and common; Southerly, 18 R. on common and Thomson to Stephen Person's SE (sd be NE) corner; NE by a 6 R. highway to beginning. As 1½ Acres, to

Silliman Hubbell: (1) John Gillitt to his son, Samuel (1758) 7 NLR 162, and by him to Hubbell (1760) 7 NLR 288; and (2) John Gillet to Hubbell (1760) 7 NLR 343.

Laid out to Gideon Baldwin (1761) 7 NLR 450, 20 R. and sizure, on the plain, where the old cider press stood, next Judson and Grant.

Laid out to Jonathan Booth, near the dwelling of Lt. Griffin, next Gideon Baldwin and Mr. Grant,—W, highway. 30 R. and sizure. Jonathan Booth and Enos Bristol to Gideon Baldwin (1762) 7 NLR 492, 1 Acre, near Lt. Griffin house; W, highway; S, Mr. Grant, 8 R.; E, sd Baldwin.

*Home Lots South of Southerly Cross Highway and
West of Burying Place Town Street*

HL 29: Ensign Richard Hubbell, of Stratford, to Joseph Dudley, of Saybrook (1712) 1-2 TR 42, 1 Right and HL 29, ex Joseph Fairchild of Stratford. Joseph Dudley, Clothier, HL to Ebenezer Smith (1711) 1-2 TR 37.

Samuel Hubbell to Ebenezer Smith and Joseph Bristol, both of New Haven, 1 Right, HL 16, etc. (1711) 1-2 TR 38. Enos Smith conveyed $\frac{1}{2}$ Right, with HL 29, which descended to him under the Will of Ebenezer Smith, deceased, to Moses Stilson (1720) 2 NLR 364; 16. Moses Stilson, gift to his son, James Stilson, $\frac{1}{2}$ of HL 29, bounded: W, John Hull house lot; S, John Beach; E, own land and NW, highway; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of dwelling and barn (1740) 3-4 NLR 469. Gift of the other $\frac{1}{2}$ (1760) 7 NLR 350, with about 1 Acre lately laid out on ye East Side of the lot, which is bounded: Easterly and Northerly, highways; Westerly, James Stilson; Southerly, John Hull.

James Stilson to John Beach (1762) 7 NLR 493, 5 Acres, dwelling and barn: W and S, John Hull, deceased; N and E, Town Streets.

HL 30: Daniel Burr, Sr., gift to his son, John Burr (1717-18) 1-2 TR 73, 1 Right and Divisions. John Burr, of Fairfield to David Jenkins, of New Milford (1720) 2 NLR

267, 4 Acres and buildings: N, Moses Stilson; E, Town Street; Westerly, John Foot; S, Heirs of Capt. Theophilus Hull. HL to Jonathan Hubbell (1727) III TR 191; to John Beach (1729-30) 3-4 NLR 43, the HL formerly David Jenkins, and dwelling. To Nathaniel Brisco (1742) 5 NLR 29; to John Hull (1742) 5 NLR 58.

HL 31: Mary Hull, Widow and Executrix of the Will of Capt. Theophilus Hull, deceased, late of Fairfield, to Jeames Hard, of Derby, (1710) 2 NLR 61, $\frac{1}{2}$ of land Laid out or to be Laid out to the Captain, his heirs, etc., except the HL. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the HL from each of the following, to John Hull: Theophilus Hull (1725) III TR 43; Eliphalet Hull (1724) III TR 42; Jabez Hull, III TR 265.

John Hull to Nathaniel Brisco (1742) 5 NLR 57, a HL, 4 Acres, in the Southern part of the town, bounded: South-erly, the HL of Nathaniel Brisco; Northerly, the HL of N. Brisco, ex John Beach; Easterly, on ye town street; Wes-terly, "mainly the HL on wc I now dwell, to me belonging."

HL 32: William Mallory, of Fairfield, to Benjamin Fayerweather (1709) 1-2 TR 54, 1 Right. To James Brisco of Milford (1712) 2 NLR 22, HL of 4 Acres, more or less, and dwelling, bounded: E, highway; Westerly, common land; N, Capt. Hull; S, Samuel Ferris. James Brisco, gift to his son, Nathaniel Brisco (1734-5) 3-4 NLR 203, HL 32.

HL 33: Daniel Burr, Jr., to Samuel Ferris (1710) 2 NLR 241, 1 Right. Ferris to Stephen Parmelee (1714) 2 NLR 180, a dwelling and HL, 4 Acres, more or less, at the S end of the town, bounded: S, Parmelee's land; North-ward, James Brisco; E, Country road; W, undivided. Pear-melee, Yeoman, to Daniel Beers (1739) 3-4 NLR 294, HL, 5 Acres, more or less.

HL 34: John Burr to Stephen Parmelee, all his rights in Newtown lands (1712) 1-2 TR 50. 1 Acre added to this HL 1-2 TR 90. Stephen Parmelee to Samuel, Daniel and Abraham, Beers. (1736-7) 3-4 NLR 269, 4 Acres, more or less, part of homestead descended to grantor from his father, Stephen Parmelee, deceased. Length, Easterly and Wes-

terly, 31 R. 1 ft.; width, 21 R. Bounded: Easterly, highway; Southerly, part of ye burying place or yard; and part common or undivided: Westerly and Northerly, on grantor. Samuel and Abraham Beers to Daniel Beers, their interest in this 4 Acres (1751) 6 NLR 110; (1755) 6 NLR 413.

1 Acre of HL 34: Stephen Pearmelee to Job Northrop (1738) 3-4 NLR 356, 1 Acre of homestead, bounded: N, own land; W and S, common or undivided; E, on orchard sold to Samuel Beers, et al., the 4 Acres, above. Job Northrop to Samuel Jonson (1739) 3-4 NLR 414, this Acre; and, Jonson to John Northrop (1758) 3-4 NLR 380.

South of the Stephen Parmelee Homestead: (1712) 1-2 TR 14; Stephen Pearmelee to have the use of $1\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, which is the burying place or yard; provided he clear the bushes and fences it and sows it with English grass seed.

West of HLs 29-34 and South of Cross Highway

John Foot Home Lot: The Proprietors sold to John Foot, a 4 Acre HL (1714) 1-2 TR 23, "to encourage him to settle in the town." Bounded: N, highway; E, Ebenezer Smith, John Burr and part of Hull's HL (HLs 29-31). John Foot to John Hull (1725) III TR 87, dwelling and 4 Acres, above.

$4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres South of John Foot HL: Surveyed for John Gellet (1718-19) 2 NLR 271, $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, next Daniel Foot, James Brisco and Stephen's HLs (HLs 31-33) bounded: W and S of John Foot, James Brisco and Stephen's HLs; being the wedth of sd Foot's lot, running towards the burying place, 46 R. SE, undivided; SW, highway. John Gelet to Stephen Pearmelee (1719-20) 2 NLR 266, as 5 Acres.

Westerly of John Foot Home Lot, the home lot of Peter Foot. Made up of several divisions: (1) Laid out to Jeremiah Northrop (1730-1) 3-4 NLR 93, one Acre in a swamp, Westward of John Hull's HL (ex John Foot). All around common land. 16R. x 10 R. Run Southeasterly, 16 R.; 10 R. Southwesterly; run Northwesterly, 16 R. and Easterly to beginning. To John Foot (1733) 3-4 NLR 148, as 1 Acre on the Plain, near John Hull. John Foot, shew maker,

gift to his son, Peter Foot (1757) 7 NLR 73, as 1 Acre, all my home lot, with house, shop; bounded on all sides by highway or common land. 1 Acre Laid out next it (1758) which Jonathan Booth sold to Peter Foot (1759) 7 NLR 261, near Foot's dwelling house and by a 2 Rod highway (survey description omitted.) Two other acres had been added and, Peter Foot sold to Jehosaphat Prindle (1761) 7 NLR 386, 4 Acres on the Plain, his home lot, bounded: Westerly, Silliman Hubbell; S. highway; Easterly, highway and Mr Hull; Northerly, the Road to Reding. (Originally Cross Highway.) Prindle to William Birtch (1763) 8 NLR 29, 4½ A., with buildings.

Silliman Hubbell on the West: Laid out $\frac{3}{4}$ Acres to Silliman and Jephtha Hubbell (1760) 7 NLR 294, SW of Peter Foot's barn on the plain and next his land.

Laid out to Lt. Nathaniel Brisco, 10 R. and sizure, W of the burying place, next Ferris, and on a highway "that goes around to Shepard's." (1762) 7 NLR 480.

On this highway, "from John Shepard's to the burying place," Laid out to Jehosaphat Prindle, 40R., with sizure, (1761) 7 NLR 465, next Lt. Northrop and Hull and the homestead that was of Foot.

1 Acre West of HL 34: Laid out to the Heirs of Gideon Hollister, deceased (1745) 5 NLR 241: At or ny ye Westerly end of ye Buring yard or place in sd town and adjoining Easterly and Northerly on Lt. Northrop's land; Westerly, and Southerly, common or undivided land. Begin at the SE corner, run Northerly (bounding Easterly on sd Northrop) 15½ R. to his former bounds; Westerly along Northrop's land, 16 R. to his former bounds; Southerly, along common land, 8 R. to a heap of stones on the side or brow of ye Hill; Easterly, a straight line to the beginning. 1 A. 8 R., plus sizure. Gideon Hollister of Woodbury to John and Jonathan Northrop (1746) 5 NLR 318, land by descent from Gideon Hollister deceased, the above 1 A. 8 R.

Samuel Beers Home Lot: Samuel Beers HL is on the Hill, East of Maj. John Burr's HL (34) 40x16 R., bounded:

NW, highway; SW common; NE and SE, undivided (1711) 1-2 TR 38.

Joseph Peck doth pitch on the N side of Samuel Beer's HL (1716) 2 NLR 116, for $1\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of a 4 Acre pitch (ex Freegrace Adams-1714: 2 NLR 115) Laid out $1\frac{1}{2}$ Acres on the N side of Samuel Beer's HL, Easterly, the brook; Westerly, highway; N, highway; South, Beer's lot; 40 R. long; 4 R. at E end; and, 8 R. on the W end. Sold to Samuel Beers. (1716) 2 NLR 213.

Joseph Tomlinson and Sarah, his wife, quitclaimed their interest in their father's, Samuel Beer's Estate (1745) 5 NLR 242; and, Abigail Beers, another daughter, likewise. (1746-7) 5 NLR 335. John Beers, as eldest son, quitclaimed 4 parts in six, holding to himself two parts as such son—upon the supposition that he could or might by statute or custom of England plead himself as sole heir (1737-8) 3-4 NLR 308.

Division of land jointly held by John, Samuel, Daniel, Abraham and Nathan,—Beers from the estate of their father, Samuel Beers, deceased (1745) 5 NLR 243: (1) In the Homestead, to John Beers, 2 Acres on the Northerly side, E to W, 40 R., N, E and W, common or highway: S, his bretheren's land, etc. John Beers to James Heard, ye 2d, dwelling house and home lot, 2 Acres, more or less, bounded: N and W, highway or common; E, on ye brook; the NE corner is ye fence on ye W side of ye brook; run Westerly, 38 R. to the NW corner; Southerly, $11\frac{1}{2}$ R.; Easterly, 3 R., to stones 8 R. from the N line; Easterly, 8 R. wide to sd brook.

Transferred as follows: James Heard, 2nd, gift to his son, James Heard, 3d (1747) 5 NLR 401; to John Fabregue (1748) 5 NLR 560; and, John Fabregue, gift to his son, John Fabregue, Jr. (1755) 6 NLR 472.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Acre was added to it: (1758) 7 NLR 111; and $\frac{1}{4}$ A. (1758) 7 NLR 333; and, 10 R. and sizure (1761) 7 NLR 445.

John Fabregue, Jr. to Enos Bristol (1763) 8 NLR 101:

3 Acre homestead; N, E and W, highways; S, Job Bristol and Abraham Ferris.

Samuel Beers purchased from Abraham Kimberley (1715) 2 NLR 212, 4 Acres, on the S line of his HL, bounded: S, Capt. John Hawley; E and W, highway or common. Thus, the homestead of the first Samuel Beers contained, with the Peck land, $9\frac{1}{2}$ Acres. The 1745 Division of the brothers gave $\frac{1}{4}$ A. to Samuel Beers; $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre to Daniel Beers, who conveyed it to Samuel Beers, and all his interest in the homestead: 1752: 6 NLR 116; to Abraham Beers, $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre—conveyed with all interest in the homestead to Samuel Beers (1752) 6 NLR 147—as 1 Acre, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ A.; to Nathan Beers, $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre and $\frac{1}{12}$ A., by him to Samuel Beers (1748) 5 NLR 459; and, also, 1 A. and $\frac{1}{12}$ (1752) 6 NLR 143. John Beers to Samuel Beers. (1750-1) 6 NLR 103, $2\frac{1}{3}$ A. in the homestead, his part of $6\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of sd lot.

4 Acres South of Samuel Beer's Homestead

The 4 Acre Division of Capt. John Hawley (1715) 2 NLR 265, at the Southard end of town and South of Samuel Beer's 4 Acres, bought of Abraham Kimberley. John Hawley to Joseph Botsford (1714) 2 NLR 249, 4 Acres, bounded: S and W, highways; N, Samuel Beers; E, Jeremiah Northrop. As a homestead, with mansion house and barn, $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, Botsford to Vincent Stilson (1748) 5 NLR 422.

Easterly of Beers' 4 Acres and Hawley's 4 Acres, $2\frac{1}{4}$ Acres. On Stratford Road. Laid out to John Platt, $2\frac{1}{4}$ Acres (2 NLR 16) at the rear of Capt. Hawley's and Samuel Beers' 4 Acre pitches: 30 R. long; 16 R. wide at the Southerly end; and 9 R. wide at the N end. Southerly and Easterly, highway; Northerly, undivided.

At the S end of the town, the $2\frac{1}{4}$ Acres were conveyed: To Jeremiah Northrop of Milford (1715) 2 NLR 253, with $\frac{1}{2}$ a Right; to Samuel Prindle (1716) 2 NLR 25; to Benjamin Northrop, with a house on it (1722) 2 NLR 102;

to Job Northrop (1743) 5 NLR 100; as $2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, with house, to Abraham Bristol (1758) 7 NLR 68.

1 Acre at the Northerly end, Bristol sold to Samuel Beers (1758) 7 NLR 77; and, $1\frac{1}{4}$ Acres to Vincent Stilson (1760) 7 NLR 310; Easterly, Town Street; Southerly, highway. Begin $4\frac{1}{2}$ R. Southerly of the SE corner of Samuel Beers' land; run Westerly to the NE corner of Vincent Stilson homestead; Southerly in his line, to a publick cross way and Easterly with it to the SE corner of his lot, as now fenced and N with highway to beginning.

Abraham Bristol to Benjamin Nicholls (1762) 7 NLR 513, $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre, with dwelling: N and W, Samuel Beers; S, Vincent Stilson; E, highway.

Divisions in the Home Commons

Laid out to Thomas Tousey, 2 of his 1 Acre Divisions (1758) 7 NLR 108, "in ye home commons."

Begin on the East side of a Country road and run S25E, 24 R. to the N side of Cross highway and 4 R. distant from ye NW corner of the home lot of John Fabregue, Jr.; run E10S, 20 R. to the N side sd Cross highway; N25W, 24 R., and 24 R. (should be 20) to the beginning. Overplus land for Sizure allowed, to be equal to standard.

Laid out to Daniel Beers (1758) 7 NLR 92, $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ Acre. Begin at Mr. Tousey's NW corner by highway, near his barn; E10N, 10 R. in Tousey's line; N24W, 7 R.; W10S, 10 R. to highway, near his barn; thence by highway to the beginning. Sizure.

Laid out to Lt. John Northrop, 1 Acre (1758) 7 NLR 92. Begin at Mr. Tousey's line at Daniel Beers' SW (should be SE) corner; in Tousey's line, E10N, 10 R. to his corner; N45E, 12 R. to country road near sd Northrop's barn; by it, N 38W, 11 R.; S47W, 21 R. to Daniel Beers' NE corner; in his line to the beginning.

Laid out to Nathaniel Brisco (1758) 7 NLR 85. $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre and $\frac{1}{8}$ Acre, with sizure. Begin at a heap of stones by highway near Daniel Beers' house (HL 34): W32S, 5 R.

to a heap of stones; N25W, by a highway, 36 R.; E32N, 5 R. in Dr. Thomases' line; S25E, 6 R.; S44E, 6 R.; S1E, 4 R.; and to beginning.

In 1756, the Proprietors voted that Dr. Lemuel Thomas should have 2½ Acres for horse pasture, as long as he practiced medicine in town. The 2½ A. were between the school house at the S end of the town and Mr. Fabregue's house, leaving an 8 Rod highway on the E side.

The original "town" of the Town Plat of 1709 was bounded South on Deep Brook. The "Town" had receded in common usage, so that at this time (1758) the Home Commons is out of the "town". The Lay outs in this Commons referred, not to Town Streets, but to Country Roads or Cross Highway—or simply, highway.

In the triangle of undivided land, between the Burying Place and the Home Commons and Samuel Beers' Homestead:

Cornelius Bristol, gift of the Proprietors (1758) 7 NLR 172, near John Fabregue's Jr.'s house: At country road or town street, S14E, 18 R. by it; W14S, 5 R.; N14W, 8 R.; E14N, 5 R. Ebenezer Peck to Cornelius Bristol (1759) 7 NLR 238, ¼ Acre, near dwelling of John Fabregue, Jr. Begin on Town Street: S14E, 8 R.; by it; W14S, 5 R.; N14W, 8 R.; E14N, 5 R. Next this Bristol home lot, John Fabregue to Cornelius Bristol, (1761) 7 NLR 448, 9 R., E, highway; 2 R. Southerly, Bristol's own land; W and N, Fabregue's land.

Cornelius Bristol to Job Bristol (1763) 8 NLR 92, ½ Acre and buildings, his home lot and 2½ Acres near by.

Laid out to Samuel, Abraham and Nathan, Beers (1758) 7 NLR 118, ½ Acre, near the W part of Samuel Beers' home lot, on ye W side of ye highway. Begin at the SW corner of Cornelius Bristol's land, a corner of Abraham Ferris; and then, E13N, 8 R. to Bristol's SE corner; S13E, 16 R.; W7S, 15 R. to the SE corner of Ferris. Northerly on him to the beginning.

*At the West side of the Town Plain, South of the
Southerly Cross Highway, Deep Brook on the South*

*Jeremiah Northrup's Home lot to 1737
Then, the home lot of John Shepard*

Ebenezer Johnson's 4 Acre pitch (1713) 1-2 TR 21, "alias James Brisco" was exchanged with the town for land on the West side of the Town Plain against James Brisco's 20 Acre lot. Johnson sold this pitch to Jeremiah Northrup, undivided land on all sides. (1715) 2 NLR 254.

Thomas Tousey sold to Jeremiah Northrup a 4 Acre pitch "to take up." (1716) 2 NLR 255. It was laid out to him (2 NLR 255) on the North side of Deep Brook, next the 4 Acres which Northrup had bought from Johnson: 36 R. on the W; 27 R. on the E; and 20 R. wide at each end. N, Northrup's own land; S, Deep Brook, or Samuel Ferris; E and N, highway.

Laid out for Jeremiah Northrup, 1 Acre: S, Deep Brook; or, the 20 Acre lot of Samuel Ferris, bought of Samuel Sanford; and N, the 4 Acre lot of Jeremiah Northrup from Ebenezer Johnson.

Jeremiah Northrup to Benjamin Northrup, his brother (1722) 2 NLR 225, 2 Acres and more, bounded: N, common land; E, highway or common; W, Jeremiah Northrup; S, Samuel Ferris or Deep Brook. Town to Benjamin Northrup, (1731) 3-4 NLR 83, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre. Benjamin Northrup to Nathaniel Brisco (1746) 5 NLR 332, $3\frac{1}{4}$ Acres, at the Town Plain, Westerly, John Shepard's home lot; Southerly, Samuel Ferris 20 Acres or Deep Brook; Northerly, highway or common; Easterly, highway or common.

Laid out to Lt. Nathaniel Brisco (1758) 7 NLR 113, $\frac{1}{2}$ A. and $\frac{1}{8}$ A., to land ex Benjamin Northrup, West of the Burying Place: Begin in own line, E3N, 6 R. to highway; by it, S30E, 40 R.; W33S, 4 R. to line of old Mr. Ferris; W47N, 17 R. to own corner and Northwesterly in own line to start, Sizure.

Jeremiah Northrup to John Shepard (1737-8) 3-4 NLR 306, his home lot of 7 Acres, with dwelling, orchard and fences and $1\frac{1}{4}$ A. of meadow opposite ex D. Foot.

Laid out 20 R. with sizure to Jonathan Northrup, next Shepard's barn (1760) 7 NLR 242; by him sold to John Shepard (1760) 7 NLR 343, as 74 Rods.

PART III

THE HOME MEADOW AND LAND DIVISIONS *"SOUTHARD OF THE TOWN AND DEEP BROOK"*

The Great or Home Meadow

In 1711, the Proprietors distributed, by lot, to each of the 48 Proprietors and the Minister, a Home Meadow. 31 of these 4 Acre meadows were in the Home Meadow, at the South end of the "town" and on Deep Brook; the other 18 were elsewhere, at Land's End, Mt. Tom, etc. (2 NLR 273.)

The new home lot of Ebenezer Prindle was at the South side of the Home Meadow lots. It was made up of a 6 Acre pitch (1720) 2 NLR 40, "on which his house stands" It was bounded with a highway, Southerly; N, with Home Meadow Lots and not to hinder any man's coming to his meadow; the S line a crooked line, 65 rods; the Westward line, 30 rods; the Northard line, 32 rods; the Eastward line, 6 rods, Like we extended his Southward line Westward 15 rods, a narrow Slipe about 10 rods wide Between ye Highway and the Home Meadow lots. 2 Acres sizure. On the North side of this pitch, 1 Acre 50 rods were Laid out to Prindle. (1726) III TR 125.

The SE corner of HM 7 was "about 20 Rods Westerly of Father Prindel's house." (3-4 NLR 466.)

Joseph Prindle, conveyed a part of the land of his father, Ebenezer Prindle, to his brother, Jehosaphat. (1742) 5 NLR 36, 3¾ Acres; (1756) 7 NLR 16, 1 Acre 32 rods, which land was East of the Homestead of Jehosaphat. The first parcel was N of land of Jehosaphat.

Jehosaphat sold 1 Acre 65 Rods, the Westerly part of his home lot to James Stilson. (1753) 6 NLR 278. Northerly and Westerly of this parcel were HM 7 and additions to it. At the East end of it, a Highway was opened to the Home Meadow—especially to HM 27. (1756) 7 NLR 1; It had been a shut highway, one rod wide. (1753) 6 NLR 258.

Home Meadow 27

It was first laid out to Thomas Bracey and, by him sold to Thomas Canfield (1717) 2 NLR 309, who sold it to James Baldwin. (1726) III TR 132.

HM 27 was conveyed to Jonathan Hubbell, with HMs 28-29. (1739-40) 3-4 NLR 438. Hubbell sold HM 27, as Northwesterly from the dwelling house of Jehosaphat Prindle and next his land; Easterly, HM 6 of Ephraim Prindle; Southerly, Joseph Bristol, with HM 7.

John and Abraham Ferris owned HM 27. (1753) 6 NLR 258, Abraham Ferris sold to Jonathan Northrup (1760) 7 NLR 358, 2 Acres of it, which he then owned in partnership with the heirs of his deceased brother, John. It was bounded Southerly, in part, on Enos Bristol (HM 7) and Westerly, James Stilson, his Southerly half of HM 7.

Divisions Easterly of the Home Meadow at the Reading Road

Jehosaphat Prindle had 162 Rods at the Easterly end of John Hull's HM 5. (1756) 7 NLR 1. Beginning at a heap of stones in ye Easterly line of sd lot; then Southwesterly in sd line, 18 R. to a heap of stones; then Southeasterly, bounding on highway, 10 Rods; then Northerly bounding on highway (Reading Road) 18 R.; then Westerly, 8 R. to the beginning.

This lot was "near the now dwelling house of Jonathan Northrup." It was bought by Jonathan Booth (1757) 7 NLR 77; and by Jonathan Northrup. (1758) 7 NLR 165.

Land, at its North side, was Laid out to Joseph and Sarah Prindle (1758) 7 NLR 102—about 20 Rods North of this Prindle's "now dwelling house." Begin at a heap of stones by a 6 Rod highway (Reading Road) Run North-erly by it, 8 R.; Westerly, by common or highway to the East line of John Hull's meadow lot (HM 5) Southerly in his line, 6 R. 4 ft., to a corner of Jonathan Booth's land; Easterly, part on Booth and part common, 11 Rods to the beginning. 70 R., with sizure. Jonathan Northrup bought this parcel—"across the way, against Northrup's door." (1760) 7 NLR 357.

Next Northrup's land, West of his house and across the highway, 20 Rods and sizure were Laid out to Jonathan Northrup (1760) 7 NLR 342. Begin at his SE corner and run Easterly one Rod; Northerly, 10 R. on his land; and, 11 R. more to Joseph Prindle's SE bounds; Westerly, 4 R. in Prindle's line to his own bounds and on his own line to the beginning.

HMs 1 and 3 were owned by John and Jonathan Northrup. (3-4 NLR 521; 45.) HM 4 was owned by Samuel Ferris, who conveyed it to Peter Ferris (1748) 5 NLR 470. HM 5 was owned by John Hull, who conveyed the South-erly $\frac{1}{2}$ of it to his son, John Hull, Jr. (1758) 7 NLR 84. Southerly of it was HM 6, owned by Ephraim Prindle.

Next HMs 2-3 and part of HM4, there was Laid out to the Heirs of Gideon Hollister, deceased (1745) 5 NLR 241, land next the Easterly side of the Home Meadow and land of John and Jonathan Northrup; bounded—Southerly, common; Easterly, highway (Reading Road); begin at Northrup's NE corner, in his line 26 R. to his former bounds; then more W of S on Northrup's Meadow, 22 R. and 2 R. on Samuel Ferris meadow; Easterly, 8 R. on com-mon; Northerly, along highway, 52 Rods. Gideon Hollister sold this land to John and Jonathan Northrup. (1746) 5 NLR 318.

Thomas Chambers Homestead

This 1½ Acres was made up of 1 Acre which Chambers purchased from Benjamin Burritt (1748) 5 NLR 465. It was first Laid out to Burritt (1748) 5 NLR 464, as follows:

South of Deep Brook, 10 Rods Southerly of bridge over it in Reading Road. Begin in or near the Northerly line of John Hull; Easterly, 7 R.; Northerly along highway, 21 R.; Westerly, 4 R.; and on the bank of the brook to the beginning.

A small lot was added to this acre. (1759) 7 NLR 249. The two lots, as 1½ Acres, Chambers sold to Jonathan Prindle, as his homestead. (1760) 7 NLR 359.

Where today there is the Palestine Road bridge over Deep Brook, the brook flows Easterly under it. But, Westerly of the road, Deep Brook flows Northerly, for about 800 feet, to a point about 70 feet Westerly of the bridge. At this point, the brook (making a right angle turn) changes its course to flow Easterly for some distance, and across the road. In this angle, between the brook and the road, was the Chambers homestead.

Home Meadow 7

This meadow and additions to it are of special aid in location of the Home Meadow. In 1720, Joseph Bristol owned the North half and Moses Stilson, the South half. 2 NLR 161.

To the half of Stilson, there was Laid out to him 2½ Acres. (1727-8) III TR 203-4, at the Southerly end of his Home Meadow lot, extending the Easterly line Southerly 7 R. to Ebenezer Prindle's Southwesterly corner; Westerly by Head of Meadow Highway, 26 R.; Northerly, 28 R. to John Lake's HM 8, about one rod Westerly of his own SW corner; run Southwesterly, 26 R. to the beginning.

A 1½ Rod strip from the highway was Laid out to

Moses Stilson (1758) 7 NLR 102, extending 31 R. along the S line of his Meadow lot.

The Stilson $\frac{1}{2}$ of HM 7 and these two additions, Moses Stilson gave to his son, James Stilson. (1759) 7 NLR 235; (1760) 7 NLR 350. The other $\frac{1}{2}$ of HM 7 Joseph Bristol gave to his son, Enos Bristol. (1758) 7 NLR 102.

The highway extending Westerly from Reading (Palestine) Road, at the South side of land of the Prindles, of Stilson and of John Northrup to the West of the Stilson land (8 Acres Northrup bought from John Hull; 1729—3-4 NLR 24, who owned it in 1726—3-4 NLR 24) was called the "highway that goeth to Head of Home Meadow." 3-4 NLR 24.

A Survey of the 31 Home Meadow Lots

Complaint was made that the bounds were lost and uncertain. 3-4 NLR 466. The Home Meadow was legally surveyed, lot by lot: (3-4 NLR 465.)

We x x Being freeholders and being appointed and qualified as ye Law Directs, by Job Sherman, one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace x x to set up or renew the Bounds between ye several proprietors of the home meadow, so called, which was formerly Laid out and numbered in 31 four acre Lotments; and the several Boundaries of sd Lots are said to be Lost or Uncertain, so that the proprietors are Incapacitated to Run the several Lines of the Alotments; and Notice of these proceedings being given to the proprietors of sd Meadow; and several of them being present; and, by evidence and information, We began and proceeded according to the first survey of sd Lotments. x x

The certificate contains the record of the formal surveys of each meadow. The Home Meadow Map contains a diagram of each of them based upon the record which is here omitted. The 31 diagrams, placed together, make the Map of the Home Meadow.

This map, with the aid of the other land divisions to which reference has been made, is quite accurately placed with reference to Head of Meadow Road; to Reading Road; and, to Deep Brook.

“SOUTHARD OF THE TOWN AND DEEP BROOK”

Land divisions “Southard of the Town and Deep Brook,” are presented in sections, as follows:

(1) Easterly of Reading Road to the Two Mile Plain.

(2) Southerly of Head of Meadow Road, and Westerly of Reading Road, to Boggs Hill.

Easterly of Reading Road to Two Mile Plain

Southerly of Deep Brook, there were four highways on the Easterly side of the Reading Road. In order, from North to South, they were: the Point of Rocks Road; Little Boggs Path (now Bentagrass Lane); Little Boggs Highway, near the townward side of Boggs Hill; and, the Beers Highway, now Cherry Lane, near the Southwesterly foot of Boggs Hill.

On the West side of Samuel Ferris’s 20 Acre lot, “in the East side of ye home meadow,” there was, in 1715, the Boggs (Reading) Road.¹ This road “turned more eastern,” at Parmelee’s 20 Acre lot. (1-2 TR 92.)

(a) Samuel Sanford sold to Samuel Ferris, husbandman, 20 Acres at the North end of the hill, East of the Great Meadow. (1712) 2 NLR 242. It was bounded: Northerly, the brook that runs out of it; Southwestward, Widow Hull’s land; Easterly and Westerly, undivided or highways.

(b) The Westerly half of the 20 Acre lot of Capt. Theophilus Hull was conveyed by John Hull: 6 Acres to John Hull, Jr. (1758) 7 NLR 84, lying near Capt. Jonathan Northrup’s dwelling house and was bounded: Westerly, Reading Road; Easterly and Northerly, Ferris land; Southerly, his own land; and, 3 Acres, as a gift to his grandson, Abel Hull, of Woodbury (1757) 7 NLR 42, especially in consideration of the labor and expense of his late son, Ebenezer Hull, in setting up a frame house on this land, which was on the East side of the Road from New-

1. The two mile Boggs Road was superceded by the 6 Rod Reading Road. (1739) 3-4 NLR 373 (1749) 5 NLR 12 (rear pp.)

town to Reading Parish. Begin at sd highway, 26 Rods from Samuel Ferris land and run 16 rods Southerly by sd highway and from it, 30 rods long and 16 R. at the East end, to make 3 Acres; W, highway; the other sides on his own land. This lot was leased by Mary Hull, as guardian of her son, Abel Hull, to her father, John Hull (1757) 7 NLR 43, upon consideration that he replace apple trees, so that 100 shall be maintained, to accrue to her son when he comes of age.

The Easterly half of the Hull 20 Acres was conveyed by the Widow and Executrix of the Will of Capt. Hull, deceased, to James Hard, Sr. (1710) 2 NLR 61, who sold it to Joseph Botsford, Sr. of Milford. (1716) 2 NLR 250. It was sized: (1721) 1-2 TR 103; (1721-2) 9 NLR 6, as 13 Acres, 20 R.: Beginning at the SE corner, the line ran 40 Rods Northerly upon a highway at the Edge of the Plain; 55 Rods Southerly on the Ferris 20 Acres; 40 Rods to John Burr's 20 Acres; and Easterly, 50 Rods to the beginning.²

Botsford sold the land as 15 Acres, more or less, to Samuel Ferris (1740) 3-4 459, who gave it to his eldest son, John Ferris (1740) 3-4 NLR 461, as bounded 46 Rods on the highway to the Plain; 42 Rods on the West side; and 56 rods on the North and South sides.

(c) A 20 Acre lot was Laid out to John Burr (1718) 1-2 TR 79; (1718) 9 NLR 4: "The first bounds is a great rock, with stones on it, near the Home Meadow; then running 95 Rods Eastward; 40 Rods Northward; 100 Rods Westerly; and 42 Rods Southerly to the beginning, and contains 23 Acres and 70 Rods."

John Burr sold the Easterly half, as 12 Acres, to Joseph Botsford. (2 NLR 212.)

d) Laid out to Stephen Parmelee, on Point of Rocks highway, a 20 Acre Division, 10 Acres, and a Jangling

2. The highway "to the edge of the plain," or, "through the plain," was 3 rods wide at the North end, near Deep Brook; and 4 rods wide at Burr's 20 Acres; and ran Southeasterly to Point of Rocks road. (1722) 2 NLR 239.

The Lay out of the Point of Rocks Road has not been seen.

pitch ($1\frac{1}{4}$ A.) in one piece (1724) 3-4 NLR 125. Bounded: S and W, highways; N, the 20 Acres of John Burr; Eastwardly from the Home Meadow and Joseph Prindle. As sized (1727) III TR 188:

The 20 Acre lot next John Burr's 20 Acres on the North. The first bounds is a heap of stones near ye Home Meadow, upon the East side of the highway. Run Southerly in a bowing line to the West, 48 Rods; a cant line, Southeasterly, 60 Rods to highway; 40 Rods Northeasterly in a bowing line towards the South, "so as not to hurt ye highway that adjoins Southward to sd Land"; thence run Northerly, 40 Rods on the Westward side of a hill of Rocks; thence, 50 Rods out of square, with a bowing line, Northeasterly, not to hurt the highway; and, 104 Rods Westerly, in sd Burr's line. $42\frac{1}{2}$ Acres. Overplus for sizure.

Stephen Parmelee divided this land among two of his sons: Jedidiah and Noah. (1728-9) III TR 269.

To Jedidiah Parmelee came 12 Acres of the 20 Acre lot, at the Westward end, lying near Joseph Prindle's house lot; 48 R. long, Northerly and Southerly; and 40 Rods wide. It was bounded: Westerly, highway; Northerly, John Hull; Easterly, the rest of the 20 Acres; and, Southerly, Noah Parmelee.

Jedidiah Parmelee sold this land, in three deeds, to Lt. John Northrop:

(1732-3) 3-4 NLR 49. Part of a 20 Acre lot, lying near his house. Northerly, a tree between John Hull and Sgt. Joseph Botsford: run Westerly, 33 Rods on John Hull and part undivided; 30 Rods Southerly to a monument, 33 Rods $4\frac{3}{4}$ feet; Easterly to Botsford's line; 30 Rods to the beginning.

(1737) 3-4 NLR 257. $21\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, part of house lot. South, Noah Parmelee's home lott; Westerly, highway; and, part house and barn, reserving a one rod way; Northrup's land on the other sides.

(1737) 3-4 NLR 296. Mansion house, barn and well,

$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre and $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre. Highway, West; other sides John Northrup.

In two deeds, Lt. Northrup gave this land to his son, Jonathan. (1742) 5 NLR 41; (1752) 6 NLR 210, at a place called Behoba.

In the division of his land, Stephen Parmelee gave to his son, Noah, the Easterly part of the 20 Acres and sizure, on or near ledges of Rock: Northerly, Jedidiah Parmelee; Westerly, Southerly and Easterly, highway; and, the rest of the $42\frac{1}{2}$ Acres except the following, which he sold to Joseph Botsford (1729) 3-4 NLR 22, $17\frac{1}{2}$ Acres near the Southard end of the "town," bounded: Northerly, the 20 Acre lot of Joseph Botsford and part John Hull; West or Westerly, Noah Parmelee and Jedidiah Parmelee, sons of sd Parmelee; Southerly, Southeasterly and Easterly, highway.

Botsford sold this land and the 12 Acres of the Burr 20 Acre lot: 4 Acres (1740) 3-4 NLR 452, lying on a hill, part of 20 Acres, formerly Stephen Parmelee's, to John Northrup, who gave it to his son, Jonathan (1752) 6 NLR 210. 26 Acres less 6 Rods, Botsford sold to John and Jonathan Northrup, on the Northwesterly side of Point of Rocks and adjoining it, saving a highway between. Bounded: N, Samuel Ferris; Westerly, John Hull and John Northrup and Noah Parmelee; E and S, highway or common land.

Jonathan Northrup bought 50 Rods from Joseph Prindle, near his dwelling and on his North line, on the Westerly line of John Hull. (1758) 7 NLR 198; (1760) 7 NLR 357.

At the South end of Noah Parmelee's home lot, there was Laid out to Lt. John Northrup (1754) 6 NLR 33, 1 Acre, which was bounded: S2E, 5 Rods to highway; S17E, 6 Rods; E16N, 32 Rods to Parmelee's land; Westerly on it, a bowing line 32 Rods, to the beginning.

Lt. Northrup gave this Acre to his son, Jonathan (1754) 6 NLR 334; and, he sold it to Isaac Prindle (1759) 7 NLR 265.

On the West side of Noah Parmelee's home land, from

the highway, there was Laid out to Moses Stilson (1758) 7 NLR 102, a strip: Begin at his SW corner, run Westerly 2 Rods 2 ft.; Northerly by highway, 37 Rods; Easterly, 2 Rods less 2 feet to Parmelee's West line; then Southerly, 37 Rods in sd line to the beginning. Moses Stilson gave this land to his son, James Stilson (1759) 7 NLR 235; and, he, in turn sold it to Noah Parmelee. (1760) 7 NLR 324.

To Noah Parmelee and his son, Noah, Jr., these divisions were Laid out:

(1754) 6 NLR 351: $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre and sizure, at the Easterly part of his home land. Begin at highway: SW, 3 Rods to his SE corner of sd home land; N2W, 21 Rods, to his old corner; Northeasterly, about 12 Rods, on his own land; S35E, 6 Rods; Southerly, a straight line to the beginning.

(1767) 8 NLR 435. $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre, at the Point of Rocks. On the North side of a highway called the Old Turnup pen, at the bounds of Capt. Northrup at Point of Rocks, etc.

Noah Parmelee got 2 Acres 9 Rods from Joseph Botsford (1746) 5 NLR 295, ny ye Point of Rocks, part of a 20 acre lot. Northerly was land sold to John Northrup; Westerly, Noah Parmelee; Southerly, common or undivided; and Easterly, his own land.

Southerly of Point of Rocks Road, and Northerly of Little Boggs Path (Bentagrass Lane) there were these Divisions of the land:

To Joseph Botsford, there was Laid out (1720) 2 NLR 210, half a 10 Acre pitch, ex Capt. Hawley, on a hill, Southwest of Point of Rocks, bounded: Westerly, upon Burr's Boggs Road; Easterly and Northerly, undivided land.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, on its South Side, were Laid out to Samuel Ferris (1726) III TR 158, against (or opposite) Hawley's Folly; 25 Rods by 16 Rods. Sargt. Joseph Botsford bought the lot. (1726) III TR 158.

In turn, Botsford sold the land, in two deeds: (a) $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres to Benjamin Northrup (1729-03) III TR 157, who gave it to his son, Benjamin, Jr. (1765) 8 NLR 196, bounded: Easterly, Samuel Ferris and John Northrup (Wood

Lots 70-71;³ Southerly, Benjamin Stilson; Westerly, Redding Road.

(b) To Stephen Parmelee (1729) 3-4 NLR 23, 6½ Acres, bounded: Westerly, Burr's Boggs highway; Southerly, Hugh Stilson, deceased; Northerly, Joseph Botsford; Easterly, undivided. Parmelee's son of the same name sold the land to Benjamin Stilson: (1737) 3-4 NLR 297, 2 Acres 6 Rods, bounded: Southerly, Samuel Stilson; E, Benjamin Stilson; (1739) 3-4 NLR 410, 5 Acres, bounded: N, Benjamin Northrup; E, common.

Samuel, Joseph and Benjamin, Stilson, sons of Martha Stilson, deceased, divided land of hers which they held (1735-6) 3-4 NLR 237. To Samuel came 1¾ Acres, on the North side of the lot, near Ephraim Prindle's dwelling; and next Stephen Parmelee; and, to Benjamin Stilson came 2¼ Acres on the South side of Samuel's lot. Samuel Stilson sold to Benjamin Stilson, 1¼ Acres, near Benjamin's barn (1748) 5 NLR 493, bounded: Westerly, highway to the Great Boggs; and Benjamin Stilson on the other sides.

To Benjamin Stilson, three small divisions were Laid out: (1754) 6 NLR 406: Beginning at the SW corner of his

3. The term "Wood Lot," indicates a 3 Acre lot in the Sequesterment. It was between some of the Sequesterment Wood Lots that the Reading Road ran, 6 Rods wide, "as ye land will allow of as ye old path now Runs, till it is extended fairly into the above sd Newtown" (1748) 5 NLR 12, rear pages. The width of this road was 4 rods, near Reading. cf. 3-4 NLR 373.

In 1726-7, the Proprietors voted the Sequesterment, which was S, E and W from the Pond to Samuel Summers land, thence to Ebenezer Prindle's 10 Acres, taking in all undivided land between sd limits and the Home Meadow. The sequester was to stand until a two-thirds vote otherwise directed. (1 PR 11.) The land was surveyed in 1738. (1 PR 52.)

In this Sequesterment, there was to be no cutting of young timber for three years. The limit of a 12 inch stub for oak and walnut was set; and, 18 inches for chestnut. (1738) 1 PR 92. To prevent further havoc in the wanton use of timber, the Proprietors considered prevention. (1750) 1 PR 108; (1753) 1 PR 117.

Distribution was voted in 1748 and 100 lots were Laid out. (5NLR 547) They were on Brushey Hill, Walnut Tree Hill, at Land's End; on the Great Hill, South of Taunton. (6 NLR 130; 150) at Pond Rocks, Point of Rocks, Hawley's Folly, etc.

References to Wood Lots omit the survey descriptions. Diagrams appear on the Map of the area under study.

home lot, Easterly in its South line, 23 Rods; Southerly in line of Wood Lot (62?) 15 R.; Westerly, 20 R. on common; and Northerly, to the beginning. (1755) 6 NLR 407: At the SW corner of his home land, Southerly by highway, 10 R.; Northeasterly, 22 R. to his old SE corner; Westerly, 20 R. on his land to the beginning. (1759) 7 NLR 307: N of his son's house. Begin at a Southerly bounds of his home land and run Southerly, 5 R.; Easterly, 17 R. to a bounds of Enos Bristol Wood Lot (No. 63) and Westerly to the beginning. $\frac{1}{8}$ Acre, with sizure.

Benjamin Stilson gave to his daughter, Alice, wife of Abiel Prindle (1789) 15 NLR 188, the home lot, "where I now live," with dwelling, barn and about 12 Acres, bounded: W, Reading Road; N, Noah Parmelee and Lazarus Prindle; E and Easterly, Nathaniel Northrup, Zalmon Tousey and Nathan Ferris; and S, the gift to his son, Benjamin Stilson, Jr. (1760) 7 NLR 386, of 1 Acre, bounded: Westerly, Reding Road; Southerly, Little Boggs Path; Easterly, Enos Bristol; and, Northerly, the 12 Acres, above, with a new barn on this acre.

There were these Points of Rocks Wood Lots: No. 70: 5 NLR 555, Easterly of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of Benjamin Northrup, ex Botsford. Laid out to John Gelet who sold to Samuel Ferris. (1751) 6 NLR 109, as 4 Acres.

Lot 71 was John Northrup's, on the Northeasterly line of Benjamin Stilson home land and next Benjamin Northrup's land. 4 Acres 17 R.

Lot 72: Laid out to Joseph Stilson and Daniel Booth. 4 Acres less 15 R. Lot 73: James Baldwin to James Baldwin Jr., as on Point of Rocks (1753) 6 NLR 255. Lot 74: John Northrup ex Lemuel Camp, 5 Acres less 60 R. Lot 75: Jeremiah Northrup to Nathaniel Brisco (1749) 6 NLR 7. 6 Acres less 30 R. Lot 76: Mr. Tousey, $4\frac{1}{2}$ A. 5 NLR 556.

Wood Lots 60-63 (5 NLR 551) Lot 60 was next home land of Benjamin Stilson. Mr. Tousey's lot. $3\frac{1}{2}$ A. Lot 61: Stephen Burwell and John Platt, 3 A. 70 R.; Lot 62: Joseph Bristol to Enos Bristol (1750-1) 6 NLR 98, 3 A. 51 R.

Lot 63, Benjamin Dunning's heirs to Enos Bristol (1752) 6 NLR 177, 3 A. 41 R. Lots 62-63: Enos Bristol to Nathaniel Northrup (1763) 8 NLR 27, near the barn of Benjamin Stilson, Jr.⁴

Southerly of Little Boggs Path to the Two Mile Plain, there were these Divisions:

"Betwixt ye Road that leads to ye Little and Great Boggs," was Wood Lot 64. (5 NLR 554.) It was "on the East side of ye Road that Leads to ye Great Boggs or Reading," and its Northerly side was on Little Boggs Path. It was Laid out to Samuel Sanford, Jonathan Booth and Ebenezer Sanford, "at a place called ye Crock of ye paths that Leads to ye Great Boggs." (1750) 6 NLR 40. 3½ A. 16 R. The Sanford interest to Benjamin Stilson (1749-50) 7 NLR 41; and that of Booth (1749-50) 7 NLR 39.

Lot 65 was on the East side of Reding Road and next Lot 64. John Glover sold it to Benjamin Northrup. (1749) 5 NLR 603, as 5 Acres 20 Rods.

Lot 66 was next Lot 64, 4 Acres 20 Rods. John Shepard to James Stilson, his interest (1749) 6 NLR 28; and, a Stilson ½ interest to Benjamin Stilson (1751) 6 NLR 120; the ¼ part of Andrew Wheler to Benjamin Stilson, as near Benjamin Stilson's dwelling house (1751) 6 NLR 114. As Laid out, Stilson had a ¼ interest in it.

Northerly of Lot 64, on Little Boggs Path and Great Boggs Road, Laid out to Benjamin Stilson (1754) 6 NLR 407: (a) Begin at the NW corner of Lot 64, Northerly by highway, 12 R.; Southeasterly by the highway to the Little Boggs, to the NE corner of Lot 64; and, in its North line, to

4. The Highway on the Easterly side of Wood Lots 60-63 is the Southerly part of the "Old Point of Rocks Road-Discontinued," which appears on the Map in the Town Clerk's office: School District Lines of Newtown. March, 1878. Drawn by Beach Nichols. It ran Easterly of Point of Rocks. Its Northerly end was at or near the Southerly end of the Highway to the Plain of 1722.

Little Boggs Path, on the South side of Wood Lot 63 extends from the Reading Road to the Huntingtown (or Brushy Hill) Road of 1735. (3-4 NLR 255.) Beginning West of Brushy Hill, the Huntingtown Road ran to the South, past land of Mr. Beach (later Mr. Kent) and past a brook entering Capt. Bennett's Hogg Swamp; and, "then Southerly to the (Little Boggs) path," etc.

the beginning; and, (b) at the South end of Lot 66, a small strip. Both items, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, plus sizure. Next this strip, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, near Long (or Gelet's) Swamp, was Laid out. (1755) 6 NLR 408.

Wood Lots 64-and 66, with the three additions to them, as near Benjamin Northrup's Dwelling, 9 Acres, were given by Benjamin Stilson to his son, Benjamin, Jr., with a new frame of a house thereon (1760) 7 NLR 386, bounded:

Westerly, part on Reding Road and part Northrup's land; Northerly and Easterly, highway; Southerly, own land; with one Acre, over against the 9 Acres and next Wood Lot 63, with a new barn on it.

Five lots were Laid out to Benjamin Northrup:

(a) 1 Acre 32 Rods, ex David and Rebekah Stilson (1750) 6 NLR 49; 83. Bounded, Southeasterly of sd Northrup's now dwelling house and Southeasterly of the Reding Road.

(b) 1754: 6 NLR 369. A small gore of land on the East side of the highway; and, (c) another East of it.

(d) 1759: 7 NLR 182. On the East side of the Road that Goeth to palanstine or Cittletown, two small triangles, next Wood Lot 65 and the Reding Road.⁵

(2) Southerly of Head of Meadow Road and Westerly of the Reading Road, there were these Divisions of land:

A 20 Acre lot was Laid out to Samuel Beers, on the hill South of the Great or Home Meadow (1712) 1-2 TR 38. It was West of Parmelee's 20 Acre lot.

Samuel Beers conveyed it to Ebenezer Prindle and a 6 Acre pitch, "lying before Prindle's door." (1717) 2 NLR 41.

The 20 Acre lot was re-surveyed and sized (1720) 2

5. Palestine was known as Rocky Hill (1792) 16 NLR 439. It was the Southwest part of the township. (1792) 16 NLR 519. The name of the locality also appeared as: palestine (1745) 5 NLR 243; 1754) 6 NLR 333; palanstine (1742) 3-4 NLR 550; 5 NLR 80; palentine (1748) 5 NLR 462; (1746) 5 NLR 313. Pallistine (1753) 6 NLR 281; palestine (1752) 6 NLR 167; (1754) 6 NLR 312. palistine (1752) 6 NLR 165; (1801) 21 NLR 131. Palestine (1750) 6 NLR 49; (1740) 3-4 NLR 460; (1746) 5 NLR 295. Pallastine (1755) 6 NLR 477. palinstine (1759) 7 NLR 182. palientine (1763) 8 NLR 15.

NLR 24, for Ebenezer Prindle: Southward of the Home Meadow. Begin at its NE corner and run Southward by a highway, 104 R.; then running Westward, 76 R. to ye West side of the Croocked Brook; run Northward about 12 R. to his 6 Acre Division; run 28 R. Eastward to his 6 Acres; run 60 R. and upon the Southward side of a highway, with a cant line, to the beginning. $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres sizure.

The 6 Acres were Laid out to Prindle (1716) 2 NLR 24.

Out of these $30\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, Ebenezer Prindle conveyed to his son, Joseph Prindle, 2 Acres at the NE corner of the 20 Acre Division. (1720) 2 NLR 23. And, 2 Acres on the South side of that son's home lot, bounded: E. Reading road; S, his brother, Jonathan Prindle; W, Ephraim Prindle. (1728-9) 3-4 NLR 5.

At the South end of his home lot, Joseph Prindle gave one acre to his son, Joseph Prindle, Jr. (1756) 7 NLR 11. 15 R. wide at the N end; $14\frac{1}{2}$ R. on the South; 12 R. on Reading Road and 10 R. on its West end. And, 2 A. 36 R., on its North side (1761) 7 NLR 431.

Ebenezer Prindle gave to his son, Jonathan Prindle (1730) 3-4 NLR 79, the second lot of the farm, 8 Acres; which Jonathan conveyed to his brother, Ephraim Prindle (1730) 3-4 NLR 52. It extended 55 R. in length, to Croocked Brook; and 23 R. wide.

On the North side of this lot Jehosaphat Prindle conveyed to his brother, Ephraim Prindle (1757) 8 NLR 36, a 1 Rod strip, 41 R. long to the brook.

At the South end of his lot, Ephraim Prindle gave 2 Acres, from road to brook, 55 R. long, to his son, Isaac

It would seem that the name of the district was meant to be "Palatine." There was, among many stocks of settlers, one which was called "Palatine." E. Wilder Spaulding (1938) *His Excellency*, George Clinton, p. 10 cf. Redding (Reding) which should be: Reading. The settlers exhibit in their records marked shortcomings in spelling. e.g.:

Taunton has been Tanton; Point of Rocks, Pint of Rocks. And Housatonic (Ousatonic) derives from Awestonook, Indian for "over the mountain." Ellery Sedgwick (1946) *The Happy Profession*, p. 7. So it is with many words and names found in the records.

The text follows the aberrations of the ancients.

Prindle (1757) 7 NLR 46. Isaac sold it to Richard Fairman and Jonathan Booth (1758) 7 NLR 142, who re-sold it to him, as his home lot. (1759) 7 NLR 265.

Ephraim Prindle to his son, Abijah (1761) 7 NLR 417, 2 Acres, bounded: E, highway; S, Isaac Prindle; W, Jehosaphat Prindle; N, own land. Ephraim Prindle sold to William Birtch (1762) 7 NLR 52, house, barn and 4 Acres, "where his son, Isaac Prindle, lives." E, highway; N, Jehosaphat Prindle and Joseph Prindle, Jr.; S, Abijah Prindle; W, Jehosaphat Prindle.

Southerly of the 8 Acre home lot of Ephraim Prindle, Jehosaphat Prindle conveyed 2 Acres to Isaac Prindle (1755) 6 NLR 479; 486; who re-conveyed to him (1756) 7 NLR 6.

Jehosaphat had acquired about 20 Acres from his father, Ebenezer Prindle (1734-5) 3-4 NLR 227, on the South side of the North highway that leads to the Great Boggs.

Ebenezer Prindle gave to his son, Ephraim Prindle (1730) 3-4 NLR 77, 5 Acres which was by him conveyed to Jonathan Prindle of Wallingford, his brother (1732) 3-4 NLR 121; and, by Jonathan conveyed to his brother, Jehosaphat Prindle (1733) 3-4 NLR 143.

Jehosaphat Prindle sold about 30½ Acres, in two deeds: 1758—7 NLR 278, to John Northrup, Jr., 2 Acres; and, (1767) 8 NLR 433, 28 Acres 66 R., to Thomas Skidmur.

From highway land, there was Laid out to Ephraim Prindle ½ Acre and sizure (1757) 7 NLR 36.

To the West of the 30½ Acres of Ebenezer Prindle, there was Laid out to Jeremiah Northrup (1717) 2 NLR 257, 6 Acres, "near Croocked Brook and Westward of it," which Northrup sold to his brother, John Northrup (1722) 2 NLR 284. It was 32 R. wide on Head of Meadow Road. And, 5 Acres were Laid out to Lt. John Northrup, next his land and South of it. (1734) 3-4 NLR 171.

Southerly of the 30½ Acres of Ebenezer Prindle and Easterly of, or at, Hawley's Folly, there were eight Wood Lots. Lots 67-69 were on the West side of Reading Road.

Lots 78-80 were on Hawley's Folly Hill; and Lots 81-2 were Easterly of this group.

Lot 67 was West of Benjamin Stilson's house. (5 NLR 555.) And was Laid out to Thomas Leavenworth and Agur Fairchild, 3 A. 96 R. Fairchild sold his $\frac{1}{2}$ to Jehosaphat Prindle (1750) 6 NLR 126, who sold it to Benjamin Stilson. (1752) 6 NLR 207.

A strip, along the side of Lots 67-8 was Laid out to Benjamin Stilson (out of highway) 1754: 6 NLR 406, 6 R. wide at the N end; and, 2 R. at the S; in length, 33 R.; and W of his house.

Lot 68 ws Laid out to Jonathan Fairchild and Abraham Kimberley. Noah Parmelee bought the Fairchild $\frac{1}{2}$ (1749) 5 NLR 611; and Benjamin Stilson that of Kimberley (1751) 6 NLR 115. Noah Parmelee sold his $\frac{1}{2}$ to Abraham Shepard (1797) 18 NLR 563, as 2 Acres at Scotia.

Lot 69 was Laid out to Col. John Read, 4 Acres less 14 R., with 66 R. for a highway to land of Joseph Prindle reserved. Read sold to Benjamin Northrup, as $3\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, reserving the highway (1756) 7 NLR 15. Alanson Northrup acquired some, if not all, of the highway (1790) 15 NLR 277: 36 Rods of land.

Lot 81 was Laid out to John Beers and Abner Heard (5 NLR 556); and by them, was conveyed to James Stilson (1749) 5 NLR 613; and by Stilson to John Northrup, Jr. (1759) 7 NLR 278. 3 Acres 35 R.

Lot 82 was Laid out to Capt. Abraham Bennitt, who exchanged it with Benjamin and Jonathan Northrup for Lot 99. (1748) 1 PR 101. Benjamin Northrup sold his $\frac{1}{2}$ to Jonathan. (1750) 6 NLR 40. 3 Acres.

At the Northeast corner of Lot 81, there was Laid out one Acre to Jonathan Northrup. (1754) 6 NLR 386, next his own land at Hawley's Folly. And, next Lot 82, there was also Laid out to him (1753) 6 NLR 264, more land under Hawley's Folly.

Lot 78, on Hawley's Folly Hill, was Laid out to Henry

Glover (5 NLR 556) who sold it to Samuel Ferris (1757) 7 NLR 290.

Between Wood Lots 81-82 and 78-80, there was a highway to the "Jo Prindle" lot.

Lot 79 was Laid out to James Fairchild and conveyed to John Hull (1757) 7 NLR 66.

Out of the "Jo Prindle" highway, $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre was Laid out, at Hawley's Folly, to John Hull, next Wood Lot 79. Peter Clark Hull conveyed Lot 79 and this $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre to Abraham Shepard (1794) 18 NLR 632.

Lot 80 was sold by Moses Botsford to John Shepard (1749) 6 NLR 24, as 3 Acres 30 R.

The land between Lot 80 and the "Jo Prindle" lot was Laid out to Ensign John Shepard (1755) 6 NLR 409.

The "Jo Prindle" lot was Laid out to Joseph Prindle (1726) III TR 118, Eastward of Hawley's Folly, Northward, part upon Benjamin Northrup and undivided land; the other sides were on undivided land. Next it, land was Laid out to Joseph Prindle (1760) 7 NLR 302, "at his haley's folle, on the West side."

Joseph Prindle sold his lot to Mary Shepard, wife of John Shepard (1760) 7 NLR 325, as at Hawley's Folly and $7\frac{1}{2}$ Acres: Southerly, Benjamin Northrup; Westerly, sd Shepard and John Hull; Northerly, Capt. Jonathan Northrup and part Noah Parmelee; Easterly, Decon Benjamin Northrup.

Shepard heirs conveyed the lot, as 8 Acres, "in the hollow," to Abraham Shepard (1790) 19 NLR 27; who, in turn, conveyed to Matthew Sherman, as "in the hollow westward from where Benjamin Stilson, late of Newtown, deceased, dwelled and resided." (1800) 20 NLR 329. Sherman sold the lot to Rhoda Shepard, wife of Abraham Shepard. (1800) 20 NLR 330.

The estates of Abraham Shepard and his wife, Rhoda, were jointly administered in 1833. The "Jo Prindle" lot was distributed in several parcels (4 Newtown Probate

Records 186.) The surveys make possible a diagram of the lot.

To the South of Wood Lot 69 and the "Jo Prindle" lot, land was Laid out to Decon Benjamin Northrup and some to his son. Capt. Benjamin.

Laid out to "Decon" Benjamin Northrup, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Acres in three parcels, one of them on the West side of Reading Road; (1754) 6 NLR 367. Item one:

Next the East part of his home land by his son's, Benjamin's, house: Begin in his East line at the SW corner of Mr. Read's Wood Lot; thence, running Southerly, bounding with his own land, 42 R., to a point near his barn; then E5S, 3 R.; N by highway, 24 R.; then W28N, 13 R. to sd East line; Northerly, 1 R. wide, 5 R.; thence Easterly by the highway that leads to his son's house, 15 R. to a heap of stones; then Northerly to Mr. Read's SE corner; and Westerly, 20 R. to the beginning.

Laid out to Benjamin Northrup, Jr. (1773) 11 NLR 102, 40 shillings of land, next the road near his house. Begin at the SE corner of the Read Wood Lot, thence Southerly 10 R. by highway; and 10 R. additional; Westerly, 14 R. in Deacon Northrup's line; Easterly, 14 R. by own land; Northerly by own land to the beginning.

Laid out for Jeremiah Northrup (1718) 2 NLR 257, 13 Acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ of land, plus sizure, bounded: all round with undivided land, lying in length, E and W, being 13 Lines on the S side and 14 on the N; in breadth, at the W end, 12 Lines and at the Easterly end, 8 lines, being North-easterly from Halleys Folly, at the head of "ye Croocked Brook." (A line equal 4 rods. 1722: 2 NLR 163.)

This land was sold by Jeremiah to Benjamin Northrup. (1720) 2 NLR 287.

To Benjamin Northrup there was Laid out: 1 Acre at the South side of his land at "hallys folly." (1737) 2 NLR 154; $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre, (1748) 5 NLR 484; $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre (1748) 5 NLR 498; and, more (1759) 7 NLR 182, "on the Road that Goeth to Palinstine or Cittletown."

A highway was Laid out (1754) 6 NLR 19, from the Reading Road, where it was 8 Rods wide, running Westerly 7 R. to the line of Decon Northrup, "near the new house sd Northrup is a building for his son, Benjamin," where it was 6 R. wide.

Earlier, a highway had been Laid out to land of Mr. Tousey and John Shepard, at Hawley's Folly; and to the dwelling of Benjamin Northrup, beginning at the North end of Two Mile Plain and extending 6 R. wide. (1743) 5 NLR 126. 13 R. from the Southerly end of his house lot was taken; and 33 R. from his land at Little Boggs, for highways. For recompence, land was Laid out to him in a stoney valley, Southerly of his house lot. (1756) 6 NLR 503; and by his house. (Index, Vol. 6)

By his house, and on Boggs Hill, Jehosaphat Prindle sold to Benjamin Northrup, 6 Acres. (1749-50) 6 NLR 28.

Along the Reading Road, and extending around the "Pringle" land, 6 Acres 100 Rods were Laid out to Thomas Bassett (1754) 6 NLR 17, who sold it to Benjamin Northrup, as near his dwelling. (1754) 6 NLR 304.

The "Decon" gave to his son, Benjamin (7 NLR 442) part of the homestead "where I now dwell," 7 Acres, with the dwelling: Beginning at a corner by highway that leads to Mary Shepard's land (the Jo Prindle lot) and the Reading Road, to a little brook; Westerly and Southerly on own land and on a highway; and, Easterly, the Redding Road.

On the West side of land of Deacon Benjamin Northrup was land of John Shepard. The six brothers of Simeon Shepard, quitclaimed to him land of their father, at Hawley's Folly, in two pieces. (1792) 16 NLR 397. Between these pieces was a lot which John Shepard conveyed to this son, Simeon Shepard (1790) NLR 46.

As 22½ Acres, the heirs of Simeon Shepard conveyed these three parcels to James Staples. (1821) 30 NLR 634, by deed containing a survey record.

At and near Hawley's Folly,⁶ John Shepard acquired land which was Easterly of Burr's Farm.⁷

The Wolf's Den was near the Southwest corner of Burr's Farm. (1711) 3-4 NLR 511.

At Bogg's Hill, John Shepard's sons quitclaimed to their brother, John, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres (1790) 16 NLR 385, "at the corner of the crotch of the path where the Palestine School formerly stood." This land was on the Northwesterly side

6. The only other use of the word "folly" in connection with a locality name was that of "Beerses Folly." (1748) 5 NLR 21; (1734-5) 3-4 NLR 213. This folly was at Wild Catt Rocks, by the Danbury Road. (5 NLR 10; 16; 21; 24.) These rocks were on the West Sprain Brook and on the road to John Tousey's, at Flat Swamp. (1758) 7 NLR 159; 177. Beerses fallow pond is a phrase indicating that folly is a corruption of "fallow." (1738) 3-4 NLR 330. Land was drowned to kill timber and brush to make it fit for meadow. (1715) 2 NLR 211; and cleared woodland is a fallow or "folly."

7. Burr's Farm or Manor, in 1693, was granted by the Colony to Jehu and John Burr. (1-2 TR 105.) The settlement of a dispute between the Burrs and the Proprietors conceded to the Burrs their land at the Great or Burr's Boggs, with 50 Acres added; and the Burrs gave up their Little Boggs land. (1717-18) 1-2 TR 105-6.

The Farm finally was said to be 550 Acres more or less: 400 Rods, N and S; and, 220 Rods, E and W. (7 NLR 10.)

It was equally divided by a N-S line. (7 NLR 118.) David Lewis bought the West half. (7 NLR 138) which he sold to Timothy Shepard. (7 NLR 178.) Of this half, James Stilson bought the South half. (7 NLR 235; 306.) Across the East half of the Farm, to Stilson's home, past that of Arnold Glover, ran the "Glover Road." (1764) 8 NLR 156. Across the West half, a highway had been opened. (1759) 7 NLR 7, rear pages, to the West side of the Farm.

John Glover, of Rye, New York, bought from the heirs of Hannah Burr, deceased, her interest in the Easterly half of the Farm. (1743) 5 NLR 68; 70; 78; 80; 81; (1744-5) 5 NLR 258. Glover conveyed his interest by gifts (1744-5) 5 NLR 256, which came to be owned by Susanna and Arnold Glover. By them, William Northrop and others, who owned interests, the entire Farm was partitioned. (1759) 7 NLR 118. William Northrop, of Fairfield, had earlier acquired an undivided $\frac{1}{4}$ from Benjamin Glover (1747) 5 NLR 360-1. Cf. (1741-2) 3-4 NLR 119, 543; (1743-4) 5 NLR 120; 7 NLR 10; (1747) 5 NLR 363; (1755) 6 NLR 419; (1758) 7 NLR 164.

The Easterly half of Burr's Farm, was allotted to Susanna and Arnold Glover, and William Northrop. Of this Easterly $\frac{1}{2}$, the Westerly $\frac{1}{2}$ was owned by the Glovers. Susanna Glover, Jr., conveyed the Northerly $\frac{1}{2}$ of their $\frac{1}{4}$ of the entire Farm, to Arnold Glover. (1764) 8 NLR 181. William Northrop owned the East side of the Farm, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the whole cf. (1764) 8 NLR 156. Arnold Glover disposed of his $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$: to William Northrop and Nehemiah, his brother, 20 Acres, plus. (1792) 16 NLR 460; and 122 Acres: (1764) 8 NLR 147; 187; (1762) 8 NLR 142; (1768) 8 NLR 92, having re-acquired 40 Acres. (1763) 8 NLR 48.

Cf. Burr's East line (1792) 16 NLR 381; (1823) 30 NLR 231.

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of Reading road, at the end of Hawley's Folly Road and what is now called Palestine road. 5 Acres of this lot, later deeds placed Westerly of land of John Shepard, Jr. and Nathaniel Northrup. (1792) 17 NLR 180; (1800) 21 NLR 30. At the Easterly side of Boggs Hill, Reading road on its East, $4\frac{1}{2}$ Acres were Laid out to Samuel Ferris. (1748) 5 NLR 452.

There was Laid out to Jeremiah Northrup (1730-1) 3-4 NLR 93, 6 Acres, next the East side of Burr's land and Prindle's land, and next his own land on Hawley's Folly—which were conveyed to John Shepard. (1737) 3-4 NLR 306.

Northrup's old lot, was Southerly of this: Laid out for Jeremiah Northrup, 7 Acres (1722) 1-2 TR 145, on the Westward side of "Halyes folly" and on the E side of Burr's Farm. Northrup sold it to John Shepard. (1722) 1-2 TR 103.

"Upon ye hill, Southerly of Mr. Tousey's lot, lying upon halles folly," a 10 Acre Division was Laid out to Jeremiah Northrup. (1723) III TR 129, which he sold to John Shepard. (1737) 3-4 NLR 306.

Laid out to Thomas Tousey (1715) 2 NLR 68; (1720) 2 NLR 362, 10 Acres "on ye hill called Hawley's Folly," plus sizure and allowance for distance. Land was added to it: (1724) 2 NLR 363. As 14 Acres, the Tousey land was sold to John Shepard. (1747) 5 NLR 386.

17 additional acres, more or less, were acquired by John Shepard, Easterly of Burr's Farm: 5 NLR 16; 286; 297; 351; 362; 531; 457; 561; 6 NLR 408-9. To the South and near the Boggs, John Shepard had additional land.

In four sections, the Hawley's Folly Road was opened. The first section (to Hawley's Folly: Index to Vol. 5 NLR) began at Head of Meadow Road and the NW corner of Lt. John Northrup's 6 Acre pitch ex Jeremiah Northrup and was 4 Rods wide, extending 86 Rods between Lt. Northrup's and John Shepard's land (1743) 5 NLR 4, rear, to the Southeast corner of Northrup's land.

The land of John Shepard was that he had acquired from Jeremiah Northrup (1737) 3-4 NLR 307-8, to him Laid out (as above) 1731: 3-4 NLR 93. It was next Burr's land and that of Prindle.

The land of John Northrup was originally that of Joseph Peck (1717) 2 NLR 117, 6 Acres, bounded South on Burr's Farm, its SE corner being the NE corner of that Farm. The West side of this land was at Muddy Brook. Ebenezer Prindle acquired it (1718) 2 NLR 40 and, with added land, sold it to Lt. John Northrup as 10 Acres. (1731) 3-4 NLR 91 As 11 Acres, Lt. Northrup gave it to his son, Jonathan (1757) 7 NLR 63, with 20 Acres of his Palestine Farm.

The second section of Hawley's Folly Road was an extension of the first. (1746) 5 NLR 4, rear. It was on Burr's East line.

Through Sargt. John Shepard's land, this road was further extended for William Northrup to pass and repass to his farm bought of Glover, a part of Burr's Farm. (1748) 5 NLR 16, rear.

Through Shepard land at Hawley's Folly and William Northrup land, from Burr's Farm, the road was continued to its end at the Reading Road. (1750) 6 NLR 3, rear.

Northerly of the dwelling house of John Glover, from the North line of Burr's Farm (this part now Glover's) beginning 4 Rds Westerly from the land of Lt. John Northrup, at Muddy Brook, to the Head of Meadow Road, 16 Rods long and 8 Rods wide, a highway was opened. (1747) 5 NLR 13, rear..



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